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Design Statement

Greendales,
Cheddleton Heath.

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Design Statement in support of

The proposed new triple garage and artist's studio at Greendales, Cheddleton Heath.

"Good design can help to create lively spaces with distinctive character, streets and public spaces that are safe, accessible, pleasant to use and human in scale; and places that inspire because of imagination and sensitivity of their designers."

- *By Design, Urban Design in the Planning System; Towards Better Practice (DETR & CABE, 2000).*

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1. The building is located on Cheddleton Heath Road, Leek.

1.2. This proposal consists of the detailed design for a new triple garage and artist's studio at Greendales, Cheddleton Heath Road, Leek.

1.3. The production of this Appraisal has been considered as a necessary part of the design development process to ensure that the detailed design actively seeks to respond positively to its specific context to enhance and make the best use of the site.

2.0 USE

2.1. Located on the same site as the proposal is an Arts and Crafts five-bedroom house.

2.2. The aim of this project is to provide a triple garage and artist's studio next to the existing house.

2.3. As the house is large, a triple garage is required to ensure that the owner's vehicles can be kept out of the way of the house to ensure an undisturbed view.

2.4. As the owners' daughter is studying art at university, an artist's studio above the garage will make good use of the space.

3.0 AMOUNT

3.1. The building's external footprint is 85.5 sqm. A 63.7 sqm triple garage and 7.3 sqm entrance make up the ground floor. The first floor will provide a 63.7 sqm artist's studio.

4.0 LAYOUT

4.1. The proposal is offset approximately 16 metres from the existing house and is close to the boundary which has an abundance of trees.

5.0 APPEARANCE

5.1. The design for the appearance of this proposal is one that has been to provide a new building in keeping with the Arts and Crafts style of the existing house.

5.2. Traditional garage doors have been chosen to be in keeping with the Arts and Crafts style. Similarly, the large window detail replicates the central window above the main entrance of the existing property. The proposal will be rendered the same as the existing dwelling. The proposed roof has the same as that on the house, this being 45 degrees.

5.3. The large window will enable lots of light to enter the artist's studio. Similarly, the roof lights above the entrance will allow a light and welcoming access to the space.

6.0 SCALE

6.1. The width of the proposed building is 6.8 m which is less than the width of the house prior to the extension. The new building's footprint is less than the existing dwelling to make sure that it is modest and ancillary.

7.0 LANDSCAPING & ENVIRONMENT

7.1. The area between the proposal and existing house will be landscaped to create a front garden.