Design and Access Statement

Cranford, 10 Fynney Street, Leek, Staffordshire, ST13 5LF

History

Cranford was built in 1912 and forms the left side in a pair of grade ll listed semi-detached houses, adjoining its neighbour Ferne-Lea. It was designed by local architect Reginald Longden in an Arts & Crafts style echoing that of Edwin Lutyens. Cranford and Fynney Street sit in the south eastern section of the newly proposed Conservation area and the street is described in the draft Conservation Area Character Proposal as "an exceptionally fine residential area."

Proposal

The proposal is to create off street parking to the front of the property and doesn't involve altering the fabric of the building in any way. It includes relocating and enlarging an existing dropped curb and cobbled drive. The existing perimeter hedge would be replaced by a wall topped with railings, in a style complementary to both Ferne-Lea to the right and High Barn to the left, thus enhancing the overall appearance of these 3 grade ll listed Edwardian houses.

Access and Design

The design and plans were drawn up by an architect and carefully consider how the new perimeter will work with the façade of the building. The front door is a prominent design feature of the house and incorporates a large stepped round headed archway and round headed Oak panelled door – the pedestrian gate will remain in line with this.

The vehicular access will be via a sliding wrought iron gate which lines up with the leaded light mullioned window on the ground floor. Once parked the vehicles will sit to the left of the window and therefore don't obscure the impressive façade or interfere with the pedestrian access.

The current tarmac and concrete hardstanding will be replaced with block paving providing a more pleasing aesthetic and once again will be in greater harmony with the houses either side. New planting will be added and an area of grass will remain to the right therefore all surface water will run off to natural soakaways within the existing boundary.