HERITAGE STATEMENT

In regard to our recent retrospective Planning Application for the Timber Structure we now have in our garden, I would like to say a few words about the positive effect it has had on the gardens to the rear of our property.

Our main rear garden, which was initially overgrown, has a reasonable slope which made it unusable as an outdoor space to enjoy. When the garden was eventually cleared, we wanted to create something out of natural materials that would attempt to fill this space by both adapting to the slope & blending in to the natural surroundings.

For this reason, we chose to make a Timber Structure with a pitched roof which was open on 3 sides completely out of wood to create a light & airy space that would be an ideal peaceful retreat where we could relax & unwind. It would also give a little shelter from any rain & wind but would also stay cool in hot weather, especially given its chosen location under the existing oak trees.

Since it was erected, these oak trees have grown around the Structure, softening the edges & the wood it was made from has now 'weathered-in' to match the surrounding vegetation. To encourage wildlife, further natural planting has taken place along with the addition of Bug Boxes, Hedgehog Houses & Bird Boxes which has helped to make it blend into the surroundings, thereby achieving our goal to make a space in-keeping with the adjacent gardens & also protecting Oakamoor's Heritage Asset status.

Many of the neighbours who have enjoyed this space with us have been very complementary as it has now grown into a warm & inviting place to visit. The Timber Structure has definitely enhanced the garden as a whole & we think it has become an asset to the rear garden area.

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