**HERITAGE STATEMENT.**

**LOCK HOUSE, STANLEY ROAD, STOCKTON BROOK, STOKE ON TRENT, STAFFORSHIRE, ST9 9LJ.**

The property is listed on historic England's website as;

*Lock keeper's cottage. Early C19 with minor C20 alterations. Painted brickwork; tiled roof on dentil eaves band; end stack to left and ridge stack to right of centre (and right end of composition). 2-storey, 2-window front; C20 casements set to left side of building; entrance to right of centre set between windows. Forms part of a group including lock (q.v.), bridge (q.v.) and stables (q.v.). Included for group value.*

*Listing NGR: SJ9188351863*



**The following aspects of the proposal respect or enhance the heritage significance of the item or conservation area for the following reasons.**

The new windows will be white timber to match the existing. They will have cottage bars to match the existing and will be in the existing brick openings and no changes are to be made to the front door or porch area. The current opening vents are not flush windows and ours will have a heavier profile to one side where the opening vent is.

**The following aspects of the proposal could detrimentally impact on heritage significance. The reasons explained as well as the measures to be taken to minimise impacts.**

The new windows will be double glazed and this may show a little from the outside however this should not detract to much from the originals as they will be in timber. Others in the area have changed their windows to double glazing and our customer wishes to benefit from this also.
We are proposing to change the opening style from top hungs to casements as the current design offers little escape from fire. They currently have a heavy section where the opening vent sits outside the outer frames and is not flush with the section behind. The cottage bars are mounted externally as well as within the sealed unit to give the impression of the current split panes. This will also hide the effect of double glazing.

**The following sympathetic solutions have been considered and discounted for the following reasons.**

We cannot keep the existing windows as the long term repair is something our customers do not wish to continue with. Secondary double glazing behind I believe has been tried but has not been successful is giving them the comfort and efficiency that these Timber replacements can.
These new timber windows will last for many years and the aspect of double glazing cannot be overlooked with rising heating costs. This use of new Timber double glazed windows should provide the correct look for the property while retaining the character and features of the property and surrounding area.