

DESIGN & ACCESS HERITAGE STATEMENT for REPLACEMENT GATE AT THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE, GRADE II LISTED BUILDING OVERTON BANK, LEEK CONSERVATION AREA. LOCATION PLAN ATTACHED.

Three over-riding principles have informed the plan to replace the existing gate in the Grade II boundary stone wall to the Grade II Listed Quaker Meeting House:

- 1 To remove a rapidly deteriorating wood pair of gates which may well become dangerous to operate if the rot proceeds apace.
- 2 To have gates which much better display the transparency, peace and welcome that that are at the heart of Quakerism.
- 3 To install gates that permit a view of part of the late C17th Quaker Meeting House and offer an attractive feature along Overton Bank.

The design has been given considerable thought by ctd architects, Leek, and the proposed new twin iron gates are based on the design of the existing iron gate at the Meeting House's alternative entrance from Overton Bank as shown in the drawing.

Two Leek-based metal fabricators are providing quotations and one will be selected. We wish to support local independent businesses.

There will be no post box attached to the inside of the gate to avoid partially blockage of the view through the railings.

The post box will be fixed to the inner side of the stone wall and shown on the public side only by a black iron cover flap.

Arising from the necessity of replacing the dilapidated wood gates we have used the opportunity to replace with attractive iron gates which are more in keeping with the openness and simplicity of Quaker philosophy.