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HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT 15 SOUTH VIEW ROAD, EAST BIERLEY

TheUrbanGlow Design & Heritage Ltd were asked by Candid Architecture Ltd to undertake the following brief assessment of proposals to 15 South View Road in East Bierley. TheUrbanGlow are an IHBC HESPR recognised practitioners for the historic environment and the following brief statement has been based upon an assessment of the East Bierley Conservation Area and the application property that is located within the Conservation Area.

The following should be read in conjunction with the submitted plans by Candid Architecture.

Proposed extension works have been developed for 15 South View Road. This property falls within the conservation area of East Bierley, a small village situated to the north of Kirklees. Conservation Areas are recognised in Section 69 of the 1990 Planning Act as areas 'of special architectural and historic interest, the character or appearance of which is desirable to preserve or enhance.' To address this, the following assessment has been prepared to measure any impact the development could have on the local historic environment.

East Bierley was first designated in 1981 as a conservation area due to its architectural and historic interest, recognising its contribution to the cultural heritage of the Kirklees locality alongside 59 other conservation areas in the region. First mentioned in the Doomsday Book as 'Birle', the settlement gradually expanded through the Middle Ages splitting to become North and East Bierley. It can be described a rural village with a green at its centre surrounded by picturesque countryside. The two main roads running through the area, South View Road and Hunsworth Lane, join to create the focal point of the village and border part of the central green. The streetscapes and buildings are characterised by stone built with pitch slate roof terraced houses that are interspersed with C18 and C19 stone detached properties. The differing building height and form adds character and varied streetscapes – this is the principal character of the conservation area directly creating its unique appearance.

Number 15 and its neighbour 17 are both detached properties that lie within the conservation area boundary – however, the properties adjacent and opposite are outside its scope. As such, this pairing has distinct character on this portion of South View Road leading up to the main village green. The northeast elevation of No 15 is quite exposed when approaching the property from the northeast along South View Road. Consequently, the development proposal to extend on this elevation should sympathise with the character of the house and area. It is advised that materials of a similar nature in colour, form and source are used to complement and enhance the historic architecture of the residence. Appropriate choice of building materials and techniques will mitigate any potential heritage value loss.

Evaluating the current proposal, it is clear this has been considered with the matching of coursed stone, slate roof, and stone sill to existing fabric. These material selections are similar to the first-floor development in 2021 which, in the long-term, have proved to be sensitive to the original materials of the building and wider character of the streetscape. Therefore, the proposed ground floor extension will have little to no impact to the asset or the wider conservation area's heritage significance.

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