

Heritage Statement in relation to:

Proposed Low Level Car Port

White Syke Farm, Marsden Lane, Marsden, West Yorkshire, HD7 6AF

White Syke Farm dates to approximately 1750 and was originally built as a Dairy Farm. It is a typical example of a dwelling house and barn combined to be used both for residential and agricultural use.

It has been altered and developed over many years by many different owners to provide living accommodation and a working base to facilitate management of the farm and its surrounding land.

For the past seventy years it has been used solely as a dwelling house with the barn being developed into living space in 2009. This space was designed to be left open to full height of the building to maintain the features and feeling of a barn, this is a dominant feature both within the main living room and master bedroom.

Photos of house with minimal parking



The building is constructed from local stone, built in diminishing course and flush pointed in lime mortar. The roof is covered in local stone grey slates. Windows within the building are simple painted frames. The grounds are complimented by gardens and a lawned area. Land continues down to Huddersfield Narrow Canal on the south face and has taken considerable time to nurture the setting for wildlife, native trees and plants.

The proposed car port is deemed necessary so the vehicles of the owners can be “hidden” from view when seen from the front elevation to allow the building to be seen as it would have been prior to the advent of the motor vehicle. At present, to achieve this, vehicles are parked on the driveway, making access more problematic.





The car port is designed to be kept as low level as possible to minimise the impact to the front elevation and the road. The rear of the car port being created by using the existing dry stone boundary wall.



The roof will be covered in cedar shingles, again to eventually take on a weathered look and importantly to provide a low weight covering to allow the car port to be constructed very simply so as not to impact on the existing building. A planting scheme of indigenous plants and shrubs will further mask the western elevation.

White Syke Farm is a very special property for the provenance of historic buildings along with a sensitive approach to nurture the landscape around it. We wish the impact of any additions to be in keeping with what is there already but enabling us to disguise modern necessities in a sympathetic yet practical way.

