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Heritage Statement

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Proposed extension: 3 Old Mill Court, Main gate, Hepworth



The site, restrictions and history

The existing property was built as part of a small development on the site of an Old Mill. It incorporates several link detached houses which exploit the significant level changes within the site, meaning that the house is on 3 levels with the side and rear garden amenity area at first floor level, whilst the front and other side are accessed at ground floor level.

The original house was built with a conservatory on the side of the house at first floor level. This provides access to the main decked external eating area, with the majority of the garden stepped up in higher terraces to the side and rear.



The size, design and siting of the proposal

The proposed development is to demolish the existing conservatory and replace it with a glazed sun room which retains the character of the existing building but with a more lightweight and glazed aesthetic to enable continued enjoyment of the view and surrounding environment but in a more energy efficient and protected manner. It uses a similar footprint location to the original structure.

The proposed extension would enhance the existing appearance of the dwelling but in fact would only be visible in a limited way from the neighbouring property. All other aspects would only be visible from within the client's land.

Conclusion

We believe that the proposal is in keeping with the character and style of house and development and will enhance the Conservation Area. The design is carefully considered to make a minimal visible impact. The aim is to allow the occupants to make good use of the natural environment, by more effectively connecting the house with their own garden and the countryside views. Respect for and appreciation of the local environment underpin the approach and concept.

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