Heritage Statement - The Message HD2 2TF 2024

Proposed works include the erection of a natural coursed stone lean-to extension at the front of the property with traditional stone details and features complimenting the existing dwelling; ashlar coursed stone corbels, quoins, coping and stringer courses - Reference to the original character.

When establishing initial design concepts, we took into consideration surrounding context, adjacent a quaint gable ended single story extension with slate roof and a flat roofed single story extension to the local food market on the opposing street - mimicking the previous lawful development of the local food market, we decided to extrude the extension 3.2m emulating similar proportions maintaining reasonable precedence.

Currently, due to the obscure design of the shop, floor space is limited, resulting in a cramped setting where customers and young children find it hard to navigate and browse.

Therefore, the new development will utilise the additional floor space to accommodate a spacious seating area where children and families in the local community will be able to peacefully sit and discover new literature without disturbance from others.

We envisage the proposed extension to look natural in it's appearance complimenting the original building to further reduce visual impact at street level as the book shop is a corner stone in the centre of Birkby - Running as a charitable provider valued by the local community.

In turn we feel by the addition of this modest extension, the book shop will add collaborative value to an already growing community.

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