

AN TEALACH: PROPOSED ERECTION OF DWELLING HOUSE ON SITE OF EXISTING LOG CABIN
AT FINZEAN ABERDEENSHIRE AB31 6NX

DESIGN STATEMENT



The site rises sharply from the B976 Finzean to Berrysloch road and is presently occupied by a Norwegian Log House, erected in 1969. It is showing signs of age, decaying in timbers and with a tired layout and interior. In many ways, it has come to the end of its useful life. Principally it functioned as a holiday house but the clients now want to make it their permanent home and are proposing taking down the existing structure and erecting a new dwelling on the site.



The site is bounded on the North by a coppice on a bank rising to agricultural land beyond, on the East with a line of trees on a field edge, on the South with a trimmed hedge at the roadside and on the West by hedges and timber fences and "The Bauds" a traditional one and half storey cottage with a stone outhouse which originally operated as a smiddy. The existing access is along a track behind the Bauds on the north of the site.

The design involves a one and half storey house running West to East with single storey wings to the south defining a terrace and a double garage to the North which also defines an entrance yard accessed from the existing driveway. The floor level of the new dwelling is some 600mm below the level of the existing house. This will involve cutting into the slope at the rear and a re-graded slope at the front. The aim is to see the structure sitting into the slope and respected the existing contours as well as the adjacent buildings.

The house will be constructed with walls in lime washed harling, pitched roofs slated in material to match the West Highland variety, fire clay ridges and cast-iron rainwater goods. Dormers are pitched and eaves have overhangs with exposed outriggers. The intention is to great a modest yet spacious dwelling sitting comfortably in the landscape and at home in its setting.



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