

Design Statement for new Garden Studio and Store at St Omer, The Street, Draycott

A new Garden Studio and Store is proposed to replace a small Artist's Studio/Store at the far end of the garden. The new building will be single storey. The existing building and polycarbonate glazed structure is now at the end of its life and a permanent replacement is proposed. The main house has no garage and a permanent garden store is essential meanwhile the need for a Garden Studio is in part driven by home working as a consequence of Covid-19.

The site is southwest facing and abuts a 2.2metre high retaining wall on the north side and is immediately adjacent to Cypress House on the east side. In addition to the existing timber structure, the area is currently used for growing of vegetables although the lack of direct sunlight until mid afternoon does not make this area particularly productive.

The new building will be built of rubble Draycott Stone laid with a lime mortar with bricks used as quoins on all corners. The roof is proposed to be covered in salvaged double Roman plain tiles laid at 25 degrees and the design intention is that the roof and walls will take on a similar appearance to other single storey outbuildings found around the village. The pitched roof will allow the eaves to be set low at 2.1metres at the northern end to minimise the building's presence. Rainwater goods will be painted cast iron. The broad valley gutters will be stainless steel. The new shed door will be made of solid oak meanwhile other doors will be polyester powder coated aluminium. The Garden Studio will have insulated walls, floor and ceiling.

The new building will not contain a WC or basin and there will be no mains drainage connection. Rainwater will be collected in water butts with the overflow disposed of via new soakaways.

The building will be accessed via the main house and garden.