

# HERITAGE STATEMENT

for

## 1 Church Farm Court, Lower Heswall. CH60 0EU

### Introduction

This report has been prepared in support of the proposed single storey side extension, external and internal alterations at this family home.

The site is located within the *Heswall Lower Village Conservation Area*.

### Assessment of Heritage Significance

#### Location

Heswall Lower Village lies in the western part of the Wirral Council area approximately midway between West Kirby, the principal settlement on the western shore and Neston. The Conservation Area forms part of the settlement of Heswall and is situated between Telegraph Road, the main north-south route and the Dee shoreline, although it connects with neither.

The Lower Village lies on the west facing slopes of the Wirral Peninsula with good views across the estuary to the Clwydian Hills of North Wales. The land rises from about 10m above sea level to a height of almost 100m.

#### Geology

The geology of the area is Keuper Sandstone partly overlain by Bunter Sandstone by the estuary. Near the shore there is Boulder Clay and some sand and gravel. The steep and narrow lanes are cut into the solid rock in a number of locations showing the colour and strata of the solid geology.

#### History

In the Domesday Book the settlement is recorded as Eswelle and it is suggested that the name comes from the Old Norse hesli waella. However, the only surviving building prior to 1800 seems to be the tower of the parish church of St. Peter from the C13th. St. Peters Church is Grade II listed, as is the sundial close to the Church door at the start of the graveyard.

**1 Elder Cottage, Church Farm Court** lies adjacent to St. Peters Church in the heart of the conservation area. It is a 1½ storey cottage, sandstone rubble with slate roof, dormers, hardwood windows, restored and extended.

*The Heswall Lower Village Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan has identified **1 Elder Cottage, Church Farm Court** as one of the “buildings that are critical to the character of the area: typically these may be landmark buildings and / or buildings with most of their original character retained.”*

## **Assessment of Impact**

In accordance with Planning policy HS11, the extension does not adversely impact the original design of the property, the street scene or that of neighbouring properties.

## **Mitigation**

The design of the proposed extension above the garage incorporates sandstone rubble finish to the front elevation, and slate tiles to the roof to match the existing roof detail.