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Design and Access Statement

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PROJECT: Marise Cottage - Garden Room/Study

Planning Authority:

New Forest National Park Authority

2 PROPOSALS

2.1 Use

The proposed extension is for a single storey garden room that functions as an office space. The office would overlook the garden, but would not serve as an access to the garden.

2.2 Design

The proposed extension follows the design principles of the main house, with matching roof style and tiles, matching brickwork, and windows which relate as described below.

Good, clear views out across the garden and incorporating the sky were important to the design brief. For this reason the windows are large, tall and with larger window panes than on the main house. However the windows relate to the windows of the main house by having the same proportions, by being four panes high and by matching the mouldings on the glazing bars and sills etc.

Window seats to the two sides are built into their own projecting bay windows with hipped roofs above and stepped brickwork beneath, adding further interest and articulation to the extension.

A small roof light (to future design and detailing) is proposed to the roof area. The roof light will be completely hidden by the surrounding roof.

2.3 Summary

The proposed extension seeks to improve the house by added a functional office space currently lacking from the property. The proposed extension fits in with the character of the existing building, and actually seeks to enhance the property visually, adding a playful addition reminiscent of the Arts and Crafts and period of the property. The design seeks to maximize natural lighting to the interior and to reduce the need for artificial light to the proposed office space.

3 ACCESS

Access to the extension is from inside the property using the existing door currently leading to the outside. The internal finished floor level is the same as the existing main house Lobby area; there is no proposed step.

There is no change proposed to the existing access to the property as a whole.