

Design Statement

New Link

Fern Farm

Adlestrop, Gloucestershire

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The Site

Fern Farm is located approximately half a mile North of the Cotswolds village of Adlestrop.

The site is outside of the Adlestrop Conservation Area, but does lie within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Fern Farm is a working farm, and is a complex of traditional stone buildings, modern agricultural buildings and a stone farmhouse, which is not listed.

The farmhouse forms the Western section of a courtyard which contains traditional style stables.

The proposed link will link the main farmhouse to a utility/store area which is located within the Western end of the North range of stables as can be seen on the site and location plans.

There is currently a shallow pitched roof structure which provides a dry, although external route to the utility area, however this structure is unstable, of poor quality and if left in its current form will provide a health & safety issue. Therefore, this needs to be removed.

The farm and site in general are not visible from the village or the public highway.

The Design

As mentioned above, the link will provide internal circulation between the existing main farmhouse a current external utility area. The existing open covered structure is dilapidated and unstable.

The new link, shall contain a low level (approx. 600mm) natural stone dwarf wall, with timber glazing above (see proposed elevations)

To the courtyard side, there shall be a pair of glazed French doors which allows the applicants to enjoy ease of access to the courtyard, whilst to the north west, there

shall be a solid timber panelled single leaf door which provides access to the parking areas.

The roof shall be a flat roof, with a slight fall for drainage, and be finished with a GRP roof covering, which shall give the appearance of lead, however this won't really be visible apart from when viewed from first floor window areas.

A lantern light shall be introduced to encourage additional natural light into the link.

Existing Structures

It should be noted, that although the building isn't listed, every effort has been made within the design to retain as much existing fabric and structure as possible.

For instance, the small brick 'L' section of wall to the South East elevation shall be retained, and the stone surround to the opening shall be left in-situ.

The stone canopy which is currently located over the farmhouse entrance shall be retained, with the new roof structure running into the hip and the north screen and door being located directly underneath the canopy, thus the elevation alterations will be minimised.

Materials

Wall – Low level local natural stone with lime mortar

Windows/Doors – hardwood timber with double glazed units

Fascia – hardwood

Roof – GRP

Lantern light – hardwood

Justification

The existing structure which currently covers the area between the farmhouse and the utility room/store is unstable, of poor quality and will provide additional health and safety issues the longer it is left in-situ.

The proposal looks to address this by means of quality design, quality materials, and by providing a dry, warm link from the farmhouse to the utility area.

Although the building is not listed, the general design has been devised to consider existing structures as though the property were listed, with existing details and features being retained where possible.

The desire to have the link mainly glazed has been design for reasons twofold. Firstly, to gain natural light, but also to make it possible to see through from the courtyard to the parking area to the North, and therefore re-opening the original views of the courtyard to that particular area.

We hope that you will be able to support this fine addition to the property.