**Sustainability Statement**

**Site:** The Post House

**Proposal:** Convert shop into ancillary living space

**Date:** May 2022

**Details of how the Proposal reduces carbon emissions and incorporates measures to reduce its contribution to climate change:**

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| 1. **Making the most efficient use of land, buildings and natural resources including site layout and building design.**   Guidance: Energy consumption can be significantly reduced through the location of development, site layout and building design, the type of materials used, the use of existing and new resources and the efficient management of the construction process. |
| The proposal makes efficient use of land by re-using the redundant fabric of the shop and resuming its former residential use. This prevents an empty shop unit and prevents the need for built extensions to the house, both of which use energy unnecessarily. |

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| 1. **Energy Hierarchy\***   Guidance: Level 1 – Reduce the need for energy; Level 2 – Using energy more efficiently; Level 3 – Supplying energy efficiently; Level 4 – Use low carbon and renewable energy. There are opportunities in all types of development to use low carbon and renewable energy sources, however what is appropriate will depend on the physical nature of the building, its site characteristics and the surrounding landscape. |
| Level 1 – Reduce the need for energy. Energy will be saved by less need for building a new structure; and conversion of existing built fabric wherever possible saves energy. |

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| 1. **Minimising Flood Risk\*\***   Guidance: Directing development away from flood risk areas, reducing overall risk from flooding within the National Park and areas outside it, upstream and downstream.  Cont’d./ |
| The site does not lie in Floodzone 2 or Floodzone 3 and there are no known drainage issues at the site. The compact form of development will ensure good surface water drainage capacity remains at the site. The footprint of the building will be lessened as a result of the works, re-instating an area of verge/ garden to the front of the house. |

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| 1. **Carbon Reductions** |
| Guidance: Consideration of means of reducing carbon emissions for the development. Seeking to take every opportunity to reduce carbon and build sustainably. |
| The building will use low-carbon materials and traditional construction. The re-use and conversion of the majority of the shop will save carbon emissions. |

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| 1. **Water Efficiency.** |
| Guidance: Water conservation methods include ensuring that the design of buildings and their surrounding landscape maximises water efficiency and minimises water wastage; identifying opportunities to use water more efficiently during the construction of the development; designing surface water drainage systems to take into account future changes in rainfall. |
| Guttering and surface water drainage will take into account future rainstorm event severity. No hardstanding is proposed. |

Energy Hierarchy

**Level 1 – Reduce the need for energy**

The energy hierarchy places great emphasis on Integrated Passive Design. Key methods include:

* *Orientation* – making best use of high summer sun angles & low winter sun angles on southern exposures;
* *Thermal mass* – to store heat in the winter and act as a heat sink for cooling in the summer;
* *Natural ventilation* – designing controlled flows through buildings for cooling;
* *Zoning* – to allow different thermal requirements to be compartmentalised.

**Level 2 – Using energy more efficiently**

Using energy more efficiently means not wasting energy or using more than is required. The following potential energy efficiency measures should be considered:

* High levels of insulation.
* Utilising appropriate forms of glazing
* Installing heating controls.
* Using energy efficient heating and heat recovery systems.
* Adding draught strips on doors, windows & letter boxes.
* Fitting chimney balloons.
* Installing zoned low energy lighting and presence sensors.
* Replacing doors in existing buildings.
* Upgrading to a high efficiency condensing boiler
* Adding a sun pipe/tunnel

**Level 3 – Supplying energy efficiently**

Supplying energy efficiently refers to connecting to existing low carbon heat networks. Connection to, or development of, a mini district heating network can be a carbon efficient means of energy supply.

**Level 4 – Use low carbon and renewable energy**

Once the energy needs of a new building have been minimised through design, consideration needs to be given as to how the remaining energy needs can be met through:

* Heat pumps: ground source heat pumps and air source heat pumps.
* Wood burning stoves/biomass boilers.
* Solar thermal/hot water panels.
* Solar photovoltaic/electric panels.
* Hydro power, small scale water turbines.
* Anaerobic digesters.

\*\*Minimising Flood Risk

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) remove water quickly and efficiently and should be included in the original design and layout of a proposal wherever possible. The approach used will differ with each application and the circumstances of each site.