

**Design and Access Statement**

Ref: Old Foxcote Farm, Foscot Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 6RH

**Context**

This application is for a  $\frac{3}{4}$  span greenhouse to be installed within the curtilage of Old Foxcote Farm, a detached Grade II residential dwelling located within the Cotswolds AONB, within the Chipping Norton area of Oxfordshire and falls under the West Oxfordshire Council district. It is therefore important the design and quality of the proposed greenhouse is sympathetic with the sensitive nature of the area.

**Amount**

The proposed greenhouse has a total floor area of 9.44m<sup>2</sup>.

**Scale**

The greenhouse measures 2.447m wide by 3.857m long. The greenhouse has a ridge height of 3.07m and a roof pitch of 45°. The dimensions of the greenhouse are proportional to the residential property and available space.

**Use**

The greenhouse will be used by the owners of Foxcote Farmhouse to grow and overwinter a variety of plants. The greenhouse will have no impact on the current use of the land, which will remain as residential garden.

**Appearance**

The proposed greenhouse is to be built using polyester powder coated aluminium, designed to replicate a traditional timber structure. The structure is to be coloured Wood Sage (RAL 7032) a soft green-grey. The plinth walls of the greenhouse are to be constructed of stone. Both these choices have been carefully made to ensure the greenhouse is sympathetic to both the surrounding garden and the wider area.

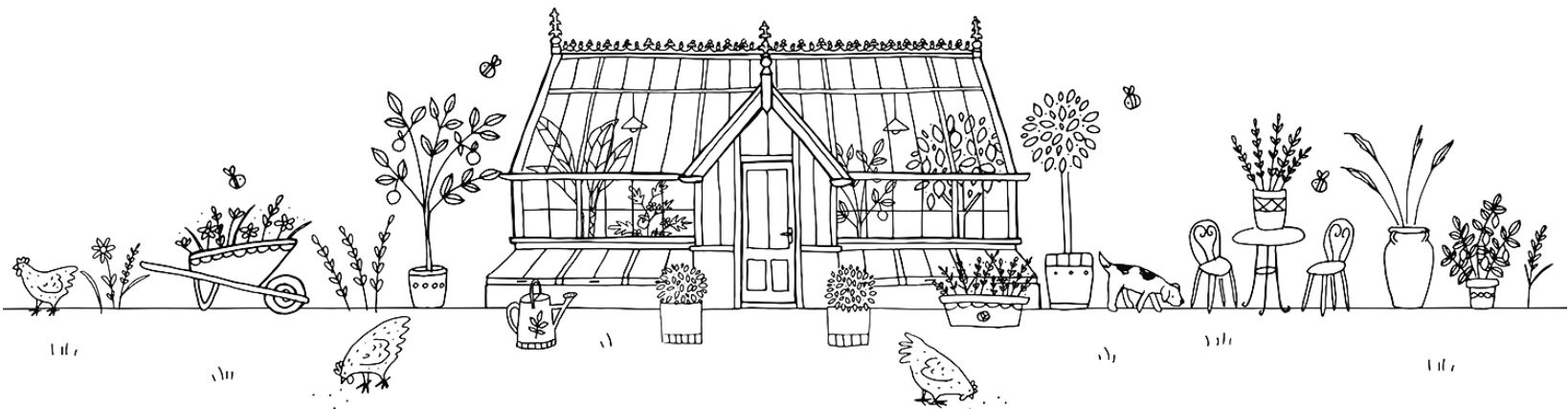
The use of aluminium as a material has been deliberately chosen by the owners as not only does the overall design give the appearance of a traditional painted timber structure appropriate to the sensitive nature of the AONB, but also as the material will not deteriorate over time which would otherwise cause the greenhouse to detract from its wider setting.

We believe it is essential that the look of our structures is not compromised and it is to this end that we have sought the advice of The National Trust and English Heritage over the past few years. This has resulted in our designing of profiles and features to enhance the aesthetics of our structures which has enabled us to obtain consent for greenhouses throughout the country in other sensitive areas, including AONBs, Conservation Areas and the New Forest & South Downs National Parks.

On a further note the National Trust Architectural Panel have worked with us designing a glasshouse to their specification at the Vyne, a grade 1 listed garden in Hampshire. They have also chosen Alitex to work with them in other sensitive gardens throughout the UK.

**Access**

The greenhouse is for the private use of the owners of Foxcote Farmhouse. Access to the property, whether vehicular or pedestrian, is unaffected by the development.



Proposed Greenhouse Location:

