

Design and Access Statement

Ref: Cotswold Farm, Duntisbourne Abbots, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 7JS

Context

This application is for the removal of three greenhouses, two which are free standing and one which is attached to the buttressed wall on the north-western side of the kitchen garden. These will be replaced with a free standing Victorian style greenhouse to be installed within the curtilage of Cotswold Farm, a residential property.

Amount

The proposed greenhouse has a total floor area of 21.17m²

Scale

The greenhouse measures 2.9m wide by 6.4m long. The greenhouse has a ridge height of 3.14m and a roof pitch of 45°. The dimensions of the greenhouse are proportional to the residential property and available space.

Use

The proposed greenhouse will replace the existing timber structures which are in a poor state of repair and require replacement. The left hand aluminium greenhouse will also be removed. The greenhouse will be used by the owners of Cotswold Farm 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 a kitchen 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 Woodsage (RAL 7032). The plinth walls of the greenhouse are to be constructed of cotswold stone which will mellow quickly and attractively. Both these choices have been carefully made to ensure the greenhouse is sympathetic to both the surrounding walled 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 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 Cotswold Farm. Access to the property, whether vehicular or pedestrian, is unaffected by the development.

Existing Greenhouses to be removed:



Rear gable is attached to the garden wall. On the removal of the greenhouse, the existing rear stone wall will be made good.

Both free standing

