

SOUTH ELEVATION

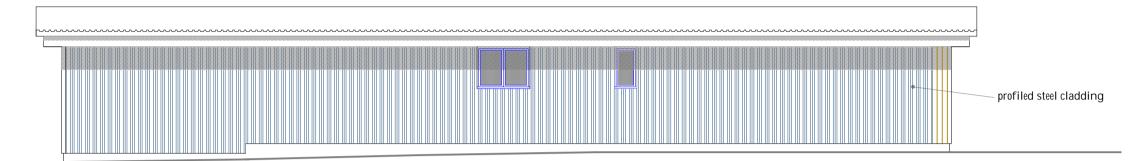


the floor level, of the bedrooms is 600 above that of the main apartment ... going upstairs to bed seems right, even if it is only a few steps and this will give the bedrooms more privacy from outside and a better feeling of security

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH WEST



NORTH ELEVATION



The proposed conversion is from a garden ancillary building to a studio apartment to provide additional living accommodation at the Firs.

The converted building will be required to comply with the latest building regulations in respect of a dwelling. The nature of the existing roof and important aspects of the building regulations which will have an important influence on the design of the conversion are...

The existing roof is in reasonable condition, but it appears to be of profiled asbestos cement sheets. These sheets have a useful life of about forty years before they become brittle and extremely dangerous to walk on. The existing Zed purlins are also rusty and would need to be made good. While it would be possible to insulate the existing roof covering from within this would provide a roof construction with a limited life span.

STRUCTURE
I am no structural engineer, but it seems very likely to me that the existing steel frame will not comply with current structural design codes and that the rafters and possibly purlins will be found to be undersized. I suspect that the practical solution to this will be to weld a structural tee section to the top of the rafters to form a composite rafter section of sufficient depth.

On Section A I have shown a zone of 200 above the existing rafters and new 142 deep Zed purlins. The structural solution will obviously have to be designed by a structural engineer in due course but I think that what I have shown will be accurate enough for planning purposes.

High values of thermal insulation of the external fabric are now required. While it would be possible to insulate the existing roof covering from within this would provide a roof construction with a limited life span. When considered together with the structural issue I think the cost effective solution is to replace the existing roof with insulated steel roof panels such as KINGSPAN KS1000. This will provide a straightforward construction solution and give the best protection to all the expense invested in the new apartment below.

