



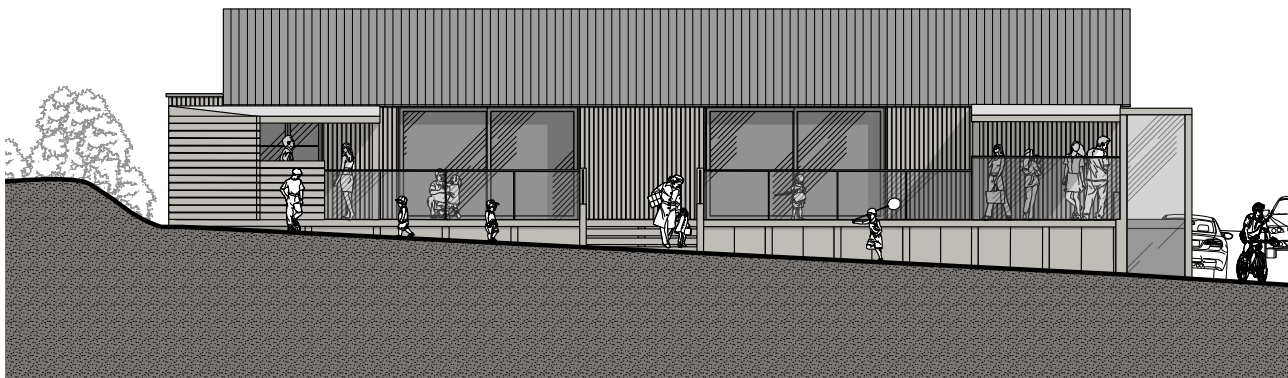
## Design & Access Statement

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# **Design and Access Statement for Nash Village Hall Renovation and Rear Terrace Addition**

## **1. Introduction**

This Design and Access Statement outlines the proposed renovation and addition of a rear terrace to Nash Village Hall, located in the picturesque setting of Shropshire. This report is prepared by RRA Architects on behalf of the Nash Village Hall group to provide a more useable space to allow the building to be a modern community space that can be used by residents of Nash and the wider area.

The project aims to revitalize / repair the existing structure, enhancing its functionality and flexibility while preserving its historic charm. The addition of a rear terrace will create a multi-purpose space that can be utilized for a variety of community activities and events. This additional space would allow a much wider range of people to use the space for different activities that the current space does not allow.

## 2. Background



Photograph of Nash Village Hall Street Scene



Photograph of Nash Village Hall Car Park and Rear of Building

Nash Village Hall has been a vital community hub for generations. However, the current facility no longer adequately meets the evolving needs of the community. The proposed renovation seeks to address these shortcomings and ensure that the hall remains a vibrant and integral part of village life.

The hall offers a range of facilities that provides a place of congregation for both Nash residents and its wider community such as Clee Hill, Ludlow and Tenbury. Events, such as tabletop sales, classes and party functions have made this a valuable resource to the area.

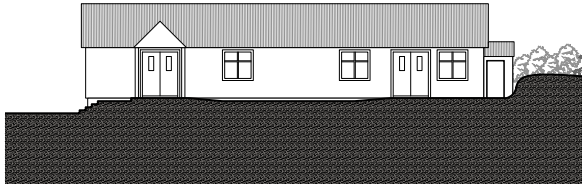
The building itself does have its limitations and now is showing its age with modern requirements restricting its use. The purpose of this project is to try and remove some of these issues and make the building more useable to all.

Disabled access is the main limitation that is aimed to be overcome with these proposals. Currently stepped access from the carpark to the entrance makes wheelchair access difficult. There is currently no link directly from the building to the fenced off outdoor area used as a breakout space meaning users have to go through the carpark in order to go between the 2 areas.

### 3.0. Design Concept

#### 3.1. Existing Structure

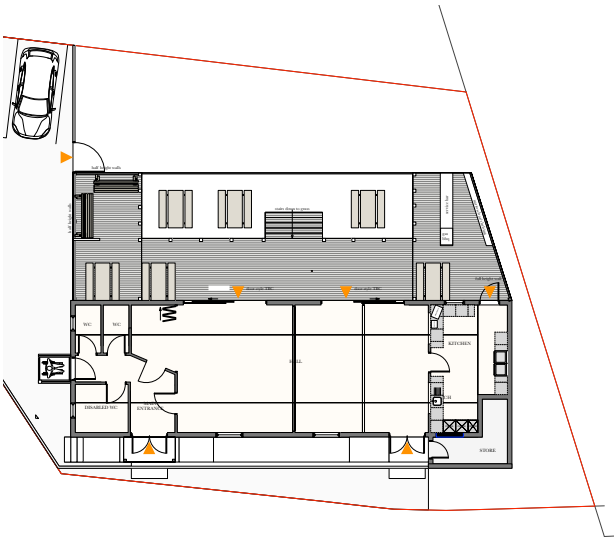
Nash Village hall is a metal clad structure with a metal pitched roof and of limited architectural merit. The existing architectural elements will be retained and enhanced wherever possible. The addition of the rear terrace will be done in a manner that complements the existing structure.



Existing Front Elevation (Not to scale)

#### 3.2. Improved Functionality

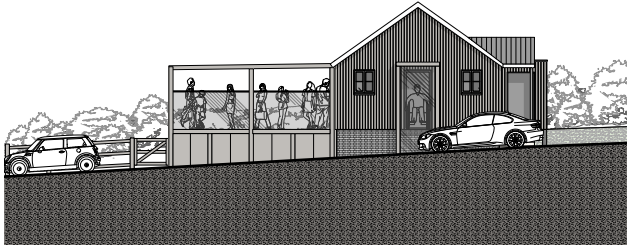
The primary goal of this project is to create a more functional and flexible space within the hall. This will be achieved through interior renovations that include the following: Removal of non-structural partitions to create a larger, open-plan interior. Installation of modern, energy-efficient lighting and heating systems. Upgrading of restroom facilities and access into the building to meet current accessibility standards.



Proposed Ground Floor Plan (Not to scale)

#### 3.3. Rear Terrace Addition

The addition of a rear terrace will significantly enhance the versatility of the hall. This outdoor space will be designed to seamlessly connect with the interior, providing opportunities for outdoor events, gatherings, and a beautiful view of the surrounding landscape. It also provides opportunity to allow additional storage underneath to further enhance the flexibility of the building to store additional furniture required for different types of function.



Proposed South Elevation (Not to scale)



Photograph of rear elevation

#### **4. Access Considerations**

Accessibility is a fundamental aspect of this project, ensuring that Nash Village Hall remains inclusive for all members of the community. Key access considerations include: Installation of platform lifts and level thresholds to provide wheelchair access to the main entrance and the rear terrace, widening of doorways where required to accommodate wheelchair users and individuals with mobility aids, and enhancement of accessible restroom facilities that comply with current standards.

#### **5. Community Engagement**

The community's input has been integral to the design process. Nash village hall members have held public meetings and engaged with local residents to gather feedback and incorporate their ideas into the design. The project team is committed to ongoing communication with the community throughout the construction phase.

#### **6. Sustainability**

Sustainability is a core principle of this project. We aim to minimize the environmental impact through the use of energy-efficient lighting and heating systems, incorporating sustainable building materials where possible, designing the rear terrace with sustainable landscaping and drainage solutions.

## **7. Conclusion**

The proposed renovation and rear terrace addition to Nash Village Hall in Shropshire is a carefully considered project that prioritizes the renovation of an important existing structure to provide improved functionality, flexibility and accessibility. It is our intention to revitalize this community asset, ensuring that it continues to serve as a flexible and vibrant space for generations to come. We are committed to working closely with the community and relevant authorities to bring this project to fruition, in line with the aspirations and needs of Nash Village.