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Change of use of Detached outbuilding at Hallgarth Manor House

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Guy Whitehead
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By Email

Dear Guy,

Re: Outbuilding conversion at Hallgarth Manor House

We understand that the property owner of the above wish to consider the conversion of detached outbuilding into to habitable accommodation. The purpose of this report is to give a Structural Engineer's opinion on the conditions / suitability of the existing building for such conversion.

We visited the property on the afternoon of Tuesday 31st October 2023 and report our findings as follows:

The property is a single storey with a pitched roof and is currently being used as a garden store. The roof is constructed in timber consisting of A-frame trusses supporting purlins and rafters over. The roof is covered in corrugated sheeting. The walls were constructed in solid stonework construction with areas of brickwork noted towards the peak of the gables. The ground floor slab was constructed in concrete and was ground bearing.

The roofing sheets were in poor condition with voids in a number of locations. The roofing sheet construction material will require testing to confirm that no hazardous materials such as asbestos are present prior to completion of any works. There were areas of deteriorated timber to the roof trusses noted.

The masonry was in good condition with no significant cracking noted. There were large areas of vegetation present to the side elevation which prevented inspection of masonry behind. The vegetation will require removal and masonry inspected to these locations, there were no cracks found internally suggesting defects caused by the vegetation.

The concrete ground floor slab appeared in reasonable structural condition, however, the levels were not consistent and no insulation was present.

The walls to the structure were in good condition with no significant deflections or defects noted. We recommend that a new ground bearing ground floor slab is installed with insulation and damp proofing details adopted in accordance with latest construction requirements. The existing walls have suitable capacity to support internal lining system which can incorporate additional insulation requirements to the property.

The roof structure will require replacement to accommodate existing defects and insulation requirements to suit change of use.

In summary, we consider that with the adequate precautions, the building is suitable for conversion to a habitable accommodation.

We trust that the foregoing is self-explanatory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Lee Farmer

Director

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Figure 1 –Front Elevation



Figure 2 –Rear Elevation



Figure 3 – Existing roof structure



Figure 4 – Vegetation to gable elevation

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- 2 This report is in our opinion based upon a visual inspection of conditions as they exist at this moment in time and is confined to the terms of our brief, as laid down in section 1.0 of this report.
- 3 We have not inspected woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible and we are therefore unable to report that any such part of the property is free from defect.
- 4 We did not test any drains, water, electrical or gas services, nor did we open up or break out any of the building structure which is not highlighted in the report.
- 5 We did not have any consultation with British Coal, the Waste Management Authority or indeed any other statutory undertaker.
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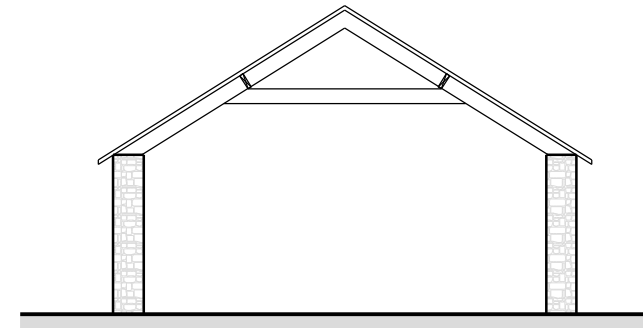
Large Amounts of vegetation cover the external walls and roof to the rear



Photo of Front Elevation



Photo of Rear Elevation



Existing Section

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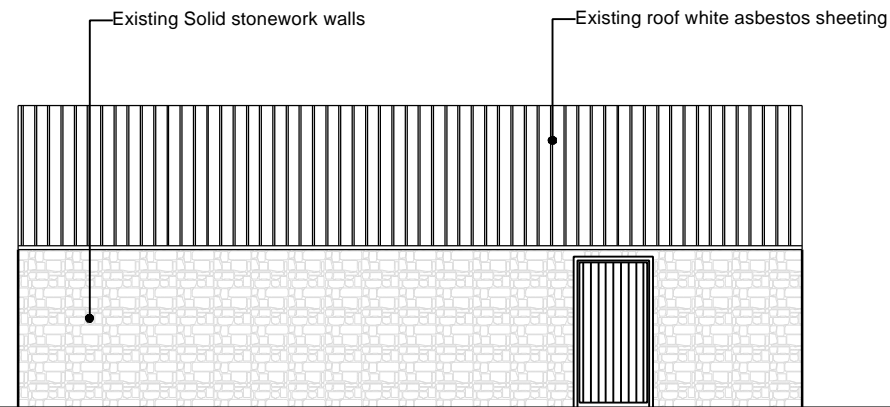
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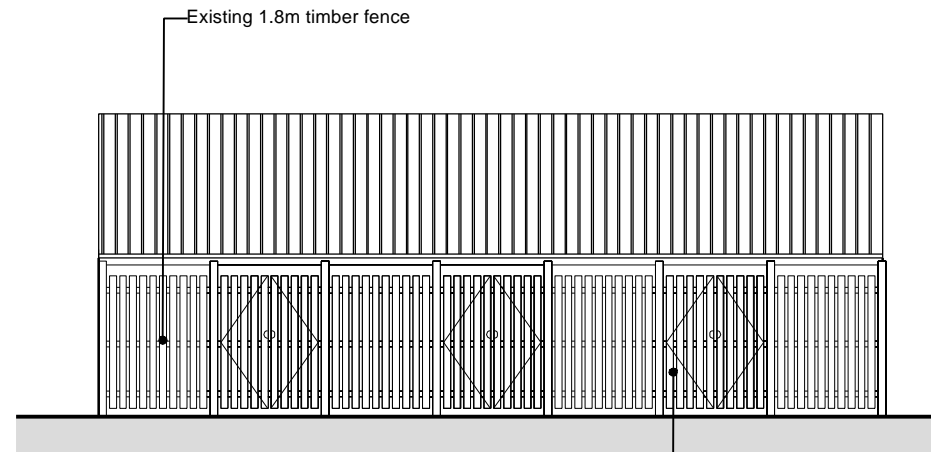
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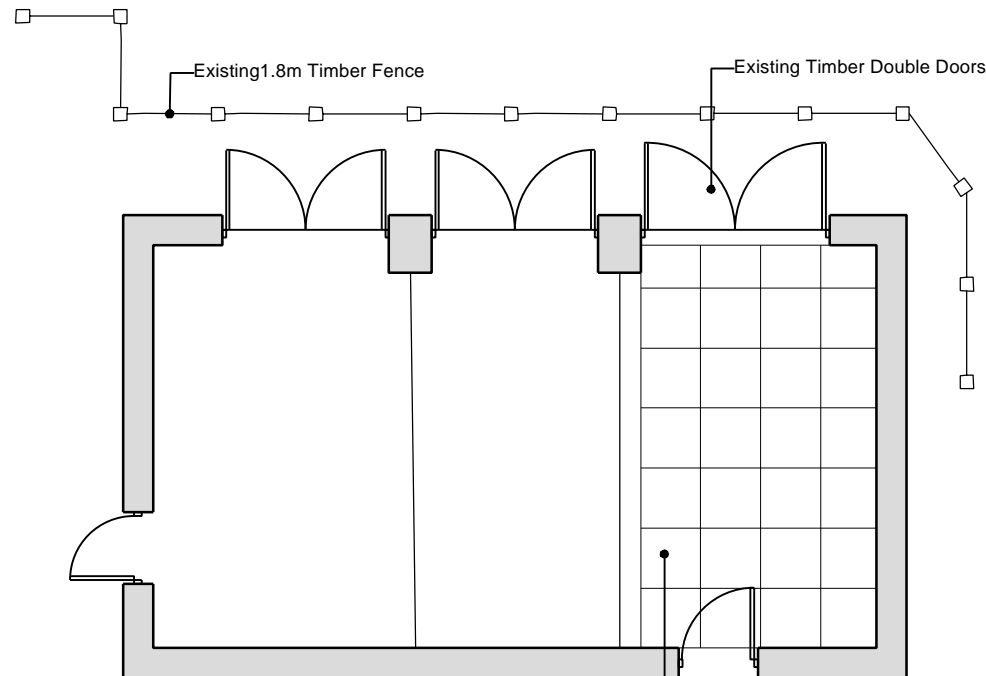
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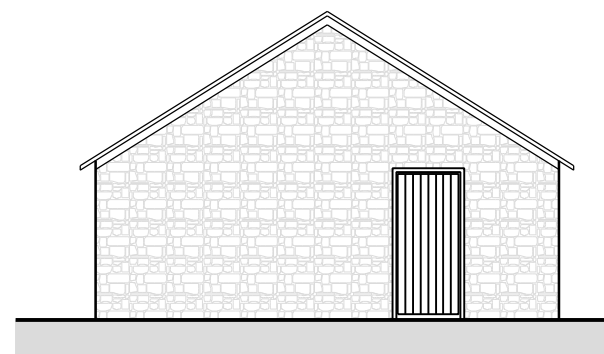
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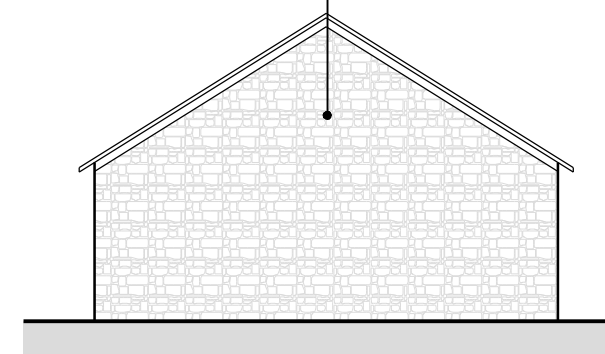
Existing Plan

Existing Timber Double Doors
Hidden by secondary Timber fence


Due to levels of vegetation this wall is un-surveyed



Existing Side Elevation



Existing Side Elevation



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