

## **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

### **SITE**

The Old Ship Inn  
Lowdham  
Nottingham  
Main street  
NG14 B7E

### **Client**

Stonegate

#### **1. Introduction**

##### 1.1 Proposal Description

Our client, Stonegate are planning some minor external works.  
This application therefore covers the following elements ;

- An Addition of a new 6m x 6m timber pergola with a polycarbonate roof for the beer garden.
- A new 1800mm close boarded fence

##### 1.2 Area

The Old Ship inn is in a conservation area in the heart of Lowdham which is in the country of Nottingham, the village is situated parallel to the A6097 Epperson bypass.

##### 1.3 Use

The Old Ship has been the local pub dating back to the first known landlord in 1788. It was recently transformed into a bed and breakfast. The Pub offers traditional pub food and excellent beer, wines and spirits for what it was previously known. It is a place where families, villagers and visitors can bring their children and furry friends, relax in a friendly atmosphere.

##### 1.4 Economic, Social and Environmental Assessment

Our client believes that a pub is an important part of any community, as it offers a place for people to socialise and relax in an alternative environment to their home. The public house is very popular with the local community. Often the pub is one of the few places, which is inclusive to many areas of society.

The works will be carried out to our client's usual very high standards.

#### **2. Design Principles and Concepts**

##### 2.1 Amount and appearance.

The proposals in this application include the following

- An Addition of a new 6m x 6m timber pergola with a polycarbonate roof for the beer garden.
- A new 1800mm close boarded fence

##### 2.2 Layout

The footprint of the building will remain as the existing.

2.3 Landscaping  
N/A

### **3. Access**

3.1 Access to the Transport Network  
As this is an existing site, the existing transport network will be retained.

3.2 Inclusive Access  
The final design proposal has been reached to ensure improved facilities not only for the pub but also for the wider community to ensure that the facility creates a more attractive amenity for the area. The proposal is of a design, layout scale and mass compatible with the locality and any neighbouring buildings and spaces to satisfy the terms outlined in the planning advisory documents provided by Bedford Borough Council.

3.3 Equality 2010 Policy Statement.  
Stonegate recognises and respects difference. They recognise that treating people equally does not necessarily define as treating them the same. The client believes in promoting and upholding principals of equality, diversity and fairness within the business, design and delivery. They are fully committed to providing procedures and facilities, which are accessible, safe and indiscriminative for all customers and staff. They intend to ensure that all work carried out complies with all current regulations and good practice. All access to the public house has been created to ensure that all people can use the facilities provided by our client. This development is no different and all levels guarantee that this is a user friendly site for all customers and any improvements comply with both the local planning policy and the Equality Act 2010. The proposal is of a design, layout scale and mass compatible with the locality and any neighbouring buildings and spaces to satisfy the terms.

### **4. Consultations**

Our client is happy to speak to all neighbours and any other parties, who wish to discuss the proposed plans. However to this point, no specific consultation has been carried out.

5. External lighting levels  
N/A