

# **Design & Access Statement – The Old Stables, The Vallance, Lynsted**

## **1. Introduction**

The proposed development involves the conversion of the existing garage within The Old Stables, a Grade 2 listed property located in Lynsted, into a habitable room. This statement outlines the proposed alterations to the original stable doors that currently provide access to the garage, emphasizing the heritage impact assessment and the rationale behind the proposed changes.

## **2. Site Context**

### 2.1 Property Description

The Old Stables is historically significant, serving as the former stable block to the adjacent manor house. It holds cultural and architectural importance, embodying the heritage and character of the local area.

### 2.2 Heritage Significance

As a Grade 2 listed property, The Old Stables is recognized for its architectural and historical value, particularly the original features that contribute to its significance.

## **3. Proposed Changes to Stable Doors**

### 3.1 Rationale for Alterations

The proposed conversion of the garage into a habitable room necessitates thoughtful alterations to the existing stable doors to ensure functionality while preserving the heritage value of the property.

### 3.2 Design Approach

The alterations to the stable doors are intended to maintain the aesthetic integrity of the original design. The proposed changes aim to blend contemporary functionality with respect for the historical context, employing materials and design elements sympathetic to the existing structure.

### 3.3 Heritage Impact Assessment

#### *3.3.1 Preservation of Character*

The alterations to the stable doors aim to retain the essence and character of the original design, preserving the visual appeal and historical significance of the property.

#### *3.3.2 Material Selection*

Careful consideration has been given to the choice of materials, ensuring they align with the existing architectural style and heritage of The Old Stables.

## **4. Conclusion**

The proposed alterations to the original stable doors that provide access to the garage, as part of the conversion into a habitable room, will be carefully designed to respect and enhance the heritage significance of The Old Stables. The changes aim to balance contemporary functionality with the preservation of historical character, contributing positively to the property's continued legacy within the Lynsted area. We will provide details of the replacement doors on request of the Council.