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HERITAGE STATEMENT

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Heritage Statement for Proposed Rectangular Shed

Introduction:

The proposed rectangular shed at 19 Middleton Street seeks to complement the existing Victorian house while adhering to the architectural and historical context of the surrounding area. As part of the planning process, it is crucial to demonstrate how the design of the outbuilding respects and reflects the heritage significance of the Victorian property.

Design Considerations:

The design of the proposed rectangular shed has been carefully designed to align with the architectural features and materials present in the Victorian house. The following design elements have been incorporated to ensure harmony with the existing heritage:

Scale and Proportion:

The dimensions of the shed $(3m \times 3.25m)$ have been chosen to maintain a proportional relationship with the Victorian house while allowing for functional use. The height at eaves (1.9m) and ridge (3.2m) have been selected to complement the scale of the main building without imposing on its dominance within the site.

Materials:

Vertically timber cladding and a red slate roof have been chosen to mirror the traditional materials used in the construction of the Victorian house. This deliberate selection ensures visual continuity between the main dwelling and the proposed outbuilding, enhancing the overall coherence of the architectural composition.

Form and Detailing:

The rectangular form of the shed echoes the simplicity and understated elegance characteristic of Victorian architecture. A 40-degree dual pitch roof further aligns with the pitched roofs commonly found in buildings of this era. Additionally, the inclusion of a single door and two windows, positioned in a manner reminiscent of the fenestration pattern of the Victorian house, enhances the visual coherence between the two structures.

Relationship to Site:

The proposed shed is situated as an outbuilding separated from the main Victorian house by a square pergola, creating a distinct but complementary relationship between the two structures. The pergola serves as a transitional element, providing a visual link between the old and new while respecting the spatial hierarchy established by the Victorian architecture.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the design of the proposed rectangular shed at 19 Middleton Street demonstrates a thoughtful approach to heritage conservation and architectural continuity. By incorporating design elements inspired by the Victorian house and its surrounding context, the proposed outbuilding seeks to enhance the overall character and integrity of the heritage site while meeting the functional needs of the occupants.