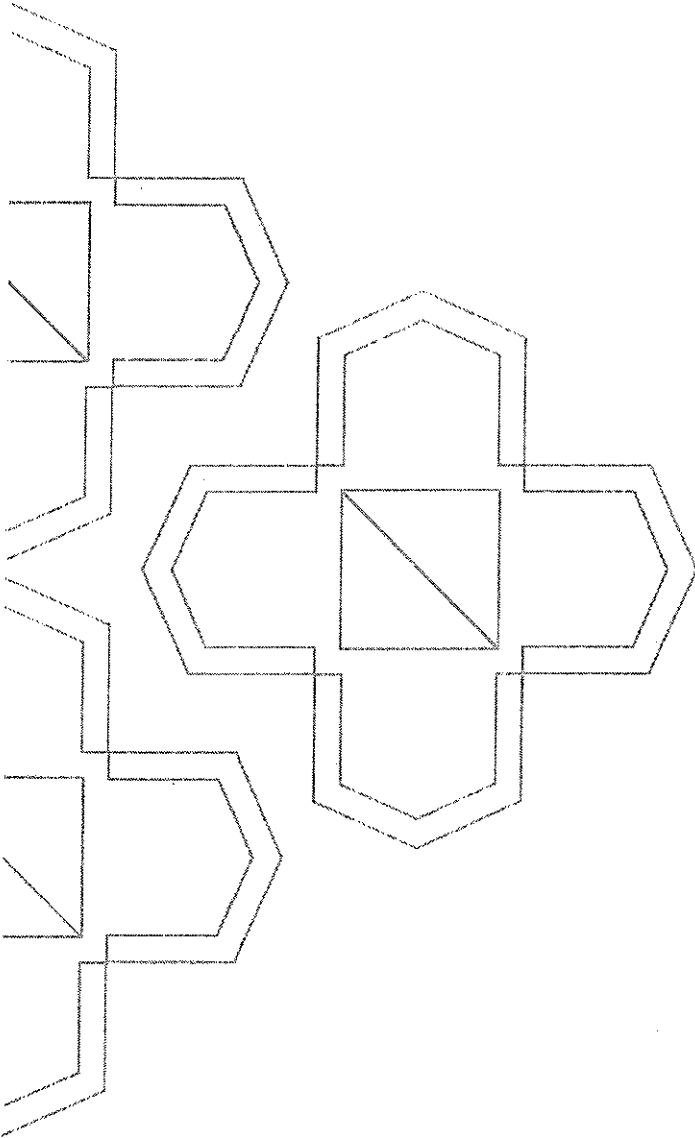


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Barn 1 Camping
Barn/Holiday Cottage) -
Dwelling 1
Greengore Farm
Hurst Green
Cliteroe
BB7 9QT

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DESIGN

LOCATION

The site is located at Greengore Farm, Hurst Green, Clitheroe, BB7 9QT.

DESCRIPTION

The existing barn is a random stone building with a double pitched slate roof.

Windows and doors are of timber construction with stone heads and cills.

The proposal incorporates an alternative access point located off shire lane which is a private road with limited vehicular traffic.

JUSTIFICATION OF DESIGN

In accordance with the good practice guide to converting existing buildings in the countryside, all walls have been retained in their original form. All existing openings are to be retained and there are no new openings proposed.

The proposed design has been limited to two bedrooms to reduce the need for alterations to the truss's. Each bedroom will be provided with its own independent staircase, which again will reduce any need to cut into the truss cord to introduce doors.

Landscaping and access to the dwelling will remain simple to ensure the scheme does not compete with the rural landscape for attention but instead blends into the landscape. The external forecourt area will remain gravel/cobbled as existing.

USE

The existing properties on the site are currently of agricultural use. Other buildings in the area are predominantly a mixture of agricultural and residential use. The surrounding properties are a mixture of rural designs, but are generally substantial properties with a large footprint.

The site is located within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (ENV1).

AMOUNT

The existing barn has a footprint of approximately 109m².

There will be no change in size to the proposed barn, which will also have a footprint of approximately 109m².

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LAYOUT

The proposed design incorporates a large open plan living area to increase the passage of natural light into the building and therefore reduce the need for additional window openings.

Rooms which are thought to be more sensitive i.e. the master bedroom are positioned in such a way that the privacy of the occupants will not be adversely affected. This reduces the need to introduce/alter perimeter boundary fences so that the landscape remains similar to that already existing.

SCALE

The scale and size of the proposed barn will not be altered.

LANDSCAPE

Landscaping will be generally soft domestic landscaping within the curtilage of the proposed dwelling including areas of permeable hard landscaping to driveways, pathways etc. to match existing. Landscaping will remain simple to ensure the scheme does not compete with the rural landscape for attention but instead blends into the landscape.

A 1.5m high matching stone wall will be constructed to define the space between the new dwelling and original dwelling.

APPEARANCE

The appearance of the building will remain unaltered externally, except for the addition of one conservation style rooflight to the rear less visible roof slope in order to keep the principal elevation unchanged.

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY G1

Policy G1 states:

"All development proposals will be expected to provide a high standard of building design and landscape quality. Development which does so will be permitted, unless it adversely affects the amenities of the surrounding area."

The proposal is for a high specification dwelling which has been carefully designed to avoid alterations which will significantly affect its appearance externally.

Policy G1 (a) states:

"Developments should be sympathetic to existing and proposed land uses in terms of size, intensity and nature."

The proposal is sympathetic to the existing barn and retains all features of importance.

Policy G5 states:

"Outside the main settlement boundaries and the village boundaries planning consent will only be granted for small scale developments which are

- a. Essential to the local economy or the social well being of the area or
- b. Needed for the purposes of agricultural or forestry or
- c. Sites developed for local needs housing (subject to Policy H20 of this plan); or
- d. Small scale tourism developments and small scale recreational developments appropriate to a rural area subject to Policy RT1; or
- e. Other small scale uses appropriate to a rural area which conform to the policies of this plan"

We consider that the proposal is suitable for other small scale uses appropriate to a rural area and detail within this relevant planning policy guidance section how the proposal conforms to the relevant policies of the local plan.

Policy H2 states:

"Outside the settlement boundaries, as defined on the proposals map, residential development will be limited to:

- ii. The appropriate conversion of buildings to dwellings, provided they are suitably located and their form, bulk and general design are in keeping with their surroundings. Buildings must also be structurally sound and capable of conversion without the need for complete or substantial reconstruction (see policies H15, H16 and H17 for further advice)."

The existing barn has been surveyed by a qualified Chartered building surveyor and has been deemed to be structurally sound and suitable for conversion without the need for substantial reconstruction. It is our opinion that the building is well situated as a residential dwelling, being close to Hurst Green village. The proposed development therefore satisfies the criteria of the above policy.

Policy H15 states:

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"Planning permission will be granted for the conversion of buildings to dwelling in situations where:

- (i) There need be no unnecessary expenditure by public authorities and utilities on the provision of infrastructure;
- (ii) There would be no materially damaged effect on the landscape qualities of the area;
- (iii) There would be no unacceptable harm to nature conservation interests,
- (iv) There would be no detrimental effect on the rural economy; and
- (v) Within the AONB the proposal should be consistent with the conservation of the natural beauty of the area"

The proposals do not involve any expenditure by the public authorities and utilities. The landscape qualities of the area will remain unchanged. The scheme will not affect nature conservation interests.

Policy H16 states:

"Conversion of buildings will be granted providing

- (a) The building is structurally sound and capable of conversion for the proposed use without the need for extensive building or major alterations which would adversely affect the character or appearance of the building, the Council will require a structural survey is submitted with all planning applications. This should include plans of any rebuilding which is proposed,
- (b) The building is of sufficient size to provide for minimal living accommodation without the need for further extensions which would harm the character or appearance of the building;
- (c) The character of the building and its materials are appropriate to its surroundings and the building is worthy of retention because of its intrinsic interest or potential or its contribution to its setting,
- (d) The building, if provided under permitted development rights, has a genuine history of use for agriculture or another rural enterprise."

The existing barn has been surveyed by a qualified Chartered building surveyor and has deemed to be structurally sound and suitable for conversion without the need for extensive building or major alterations. The barn is of sufficient size for minimal living accommodation and no extensions are proposed. We believe that the building is worthy of retention and have made every effort to keep the scheme sympathetic to its character.

Policy H17 states:

"Planning permission for the conversion of buildings will be granted providing

- (a) The design of the conversion is of a high standard and is in keeping with local tradition, particularly in terms of materials, geometric form and window and door openings;
- (b) The impact of the development or the effects of the creation of a garden area, together with any garage or car parking facilities or other additions, will not harm the appearance or function of the area in which it is situated;
- (c) The area to the site should be to a safe standard, or should be capable of being improved to a safe standard without harming the appearance of the area"

The design is to a very high standard and is in keeping with local tradition in terms of materials. All existing window and door openings are retained. There are no new openings proposed.

Policy H17 (a) Roofs states:

"The single most important external feature of a traditional farm building is the roof, seen at a distance, they tend to dominate elevations. Large unbroken roof slopes are a characteristic within the Borough which should be respected. Dormers are not usually found on agricultural buildings and even small roof lights catch the eye by reflecting open sky or sunlight. An alternative may be a suitable opening in the gable end to supplement light level.

Normal roof lights have the disadvantage of an upstand which visually jars with the roof profile. Flush fitting roof lights with concealed integral gutters are now available. Also, it is now possible to obtain specific no-reflective glass to fit into the roof light. Single storey farm buildings should remain single storey accommodation."

The existing roof profile will remain unchanged. Where the design incorporates new roof lights, these will be of a conservation style to reduce the visible appearance on the profile of the roof.

Policy H17 (b) New Openings in Walls states:

"Agricultural buildings are characterized by a limited number of window and door openings. Conversion to a single dwelling-house is generally preferable to the creation of more than one dwelling, since this will easily involve fewer new window and door openings. Apart from the wagon door openings, windows and doors are commonly small and insignificant on agricultural buildings. In conversions, the type, proportion and detail of existing openings

should be observed, the proportion and size of existing openings should also be taken into account, when determining the accommodation to be provided within the building. Any additional doors and windows should copy existing patterns. Large wagon door openings should be used to provide the majority of internal natural light by constructing an inconspicuous frame set back into the building. The use of leaded light windows should be avoided."

All existing window and door openings are retained. There are no new openings proposed.

Policy H17 (c) Materials states:

"With any conversion, as much of the original fabric should be retained as possible. Where rebuilding is unavoidable, then existing materials should be used. When modern materials are used for repair or rebuilding, they are invariably obvious and immediately noticeable. In order to maintain converted farm buildings in an authentic condition, new work should blend harmoniously with old; reproduction slates and tiles, reconstituted stone, concrete and aluminum and plastic are generally unacceptable materials."

All of the original fabric is to be retained.

ACCESS

CONSIDERATION

Access to the site is off Shire Lane and once vehicles have entered the site, they will have adequate room to turn and maneuver. The proposal incorporates an alternative access point located off shire lane which is a private road with limited vehicular traffic.

APPROACH

The design of the property fully takes into account the requirements of part M Building Regulations in terms of both circulation and accessibility.

CONSULTATION

No consultation has been conducted with Highways in respect of the proposal.

