

HERITAGE STATEMENT

IN SUPPORT OF
THE APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF
PLANNING CONSENT 3/2008/0784P
FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION
FOR THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF LAND
FOR RESIDENTIAL USE

AT
DEPOT – LAND OFF DIXON ROAD
LONGRIDGE, LANCASHIRE

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of the application for the renewal of planning consent 3/2008/0784P for outline planning permission for the re-development of land for residential use at Depot – Land Off Dixon Road, Longridge, Lancashire.

This Statement:

- *Reviews relevant national and local heritage related policy;*
- *Identifies the heritage assets and heritage context of the site by reference to a range of sources;*
- *Analyses the significance of the identified heritage assets; and*
- *Assesses the impact of the development proposal on the heritage assets.*

2. ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

A statement of significance which demonstrates an understanding of the historical, archaeological, architectural and artistic interest of the site and its setting and in particular the significance of those parts affected by the proposed works;

The site is surrounded by a conservation area and a number of sites of particular interest.

There is one conservation area within the defined urban area for Longridge. This covers the present day town centre, based on Berry Lane, but also including Market Place and King Street.

St Pauls Church



The possibility of this church being built was initially made by the action of Robert Smith, a church warden and benefactor who was to later found the Robert Smith Boys' School in 1885. The first corner stones of St Pauls were laid by Lady Stanley on July 28th 1886. The building was completed and duly consecrated in 1890 but it was not until 1937 that the tower was added. It is constructed of sandstone, with a slate roof. The church is separated by its own car park away from the proposed site and set at a lower level. This is accessed from Church Street which is off Berry Lane.

Sharley Fold Farm



Dixon Road leads up to Sharley Fold Farm, formerly a stone farm house and its ground set in an enclosed wall garden, now on the edge of the town centre and is dated 1619. The farmhouse is now largely surrounded by modern developments and has lost its farm yard. It still has a stone flag roof and is currently used as a private dwelling accessed from Dixon Road which is an adopted highway.

Longridge Library



The present Longridge Library was opened on the 25th February 1964. It was purpose built and cost £15,000. It replaced an older library which was a converted shop on Market Place, opened 15th August 1939. Longridge Library was refurbished in 2011, a total of £350,000 being spent to update facilities for customers.

The Limes



Situated between Berry Lane and the library is a large detached property, built in 1880. It was bought and used by Longridge Urban District Council in 1947 as offices. Today it is currently being used as a nursery.

Supporting information:

- *A location plan of suitable scale showing the site, its size, extent and context;*

(Please refer to original application documents)

- *All necessary large scale existing plans, elevations, site levels, sections, context drawings and perspectives of the heritage asset, its setting and wider context;*

(Please refer to original application documents)

- *Photographs, dated, numbered and cross-referenced to a plan;*
- *Any available information from the Lancashire Historic Environment Record;*
- *Information from early maps.*

3. ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT

- *A schedule of proposed works to the heritage asset and /or its setting;*

(Please refer to original application documents)

- *All necessary large scale plans, elevations, sections, context drawings and perspectives which show the impact of the proposed works on the heritage asset, its setting and wider context;*

(Please refer to original application documents)

- *A statement of impact assessing:*
 - *The likely impact of the proposed works on the significance of the heritage asset and/or its setting;*

There is no negative impact

- *An assessment of the scale and nature of any harm that would be caused to the significance of the heritage asset;*

There is no known harm to assets

- *Details of any potential heritage benefits, including proposals which enhance or better reveal the significance.*

We have taken into account surrounding historical properties and that the design for the proposed development would be carefully considered not to mirror the older architecture, but enhance it

- *A statement of justification explaining why the works would be desirable or necessary, including any benefits which justify any resulting harm.*

The proposed works aims to replace an unused derelict depot classed as waste land for the past approx 15 years with modern development using sympathetic design in accordance with local requirements and Ribble Valley Borough Council Planning Design.

4. MITIGATION STRATEGY

Sensitive Design / Choice of Materials:

All steps will be taken to ensure design and materials blend and are in keeping to a required level for the surrounding area and style.