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SUPPORTING STATEMENT

This statement supports the householder planning application for the construction of a single-storey semi-subterranean summer house to the rear of The Old Zoo, Brockhall Village.

The summer house is to be constructed in preference to the previously approved planning application ref: 3/2017/0449, Proposed first floor external balcony to the rear of the house. Therefore, the applicant is happy to have conditions attached to the approval in regards to having the summer house in lieu of the proposed balcony.

The proposal put forth, is for a low impact sustainable and usable addition to enhance the existing outdoor space. The architectural language of the proposal is sympathetic to the existing house. The summer house will be constructed from concrete with glazed elevations on the southern sides, this will enable the concrete walls to act as a thermal mass with the glazing taking advantage of the solar gain. The roof will be constructed as a green roof/living roof, this will offer both thermal and visual values. The roof construction has considered the position of the summer house and the need for shading from the summer sun, an overhang has been introduced to mitigate overheating in the summer months.

The proposal also includes a floating log burner, this will enable the summer house to be used and enjoyed throughout the year. Planting will also be introduced at the owner's discretion.



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