

## **Site Context and Written Justification**

### **Parks Store, Castle Grounds, Clitheroe**

The Parks Store Building is situated within the picturesque Clitheroe Castle Grounds, adjacent to the rear of the Stewards Gallery of the Castle Museum. This particular structure is nestled on lower ground than the surrounding main buildings, positioned alongside the access track leading to the rear of Castle Hill.

The construction of the building takes advantage of its sloping location, comprising a lower ground floor accessible only from the lower end, while the main entrance resides on the upper ground floor, reached from the elevated end. These two levels are connected by means of a steep internal timber staircase. The building itself exhibits sturdy stone inner and outer walls, filled with rubble to provide stability. Its exterior showcases an appealing composition of randomly arranged grit-stone walling.

Currently, the roof is covered with concrete plain tiles and adorned with half-round concrete ridges. It is worth noting that the existing roof covering and structure, featuring traditional purlins and rafters with intermediate trusses, appear to have been installed as replacements following a fire in the late 1950s or early 1960s. This incident necessitated the reconstruction of the walls and the installation of the present roof structure and covering.

However, the existing roof covering is showing signs of wear and approaching the end of its serviceable lifespan. The rear elevation in particular suffers from numerous damaged, broken, or slipped tiles. Furthermore, the current roof trusses appear to be under excessive strain and unsuitable for their intended purpose.

To address these concerns, it is proposed that the roof be completely removed and replaced with new, carefully designed prefabricated trussed rafters capable of accommodating the load requirements of the original specification. In consultation with the RVBC Conservation Officer, it has been confirmed that Welsh Blue Slates can be utilized as the preferred material for the new roof covering. These proposed works will form part of a comprehensive capital bid, encompassing the installation of new cast iron rainwater goods.