

HERITAGE STATEMENT

I am writing to provide an in-depth and extensive Heritage Statement for the proposed development at Hall Barns Farm, located on Stoneyhurst Estate, Hurst Green, Nr Clitheroe, Lancs, BB7 9PT. This document aims to comprehensively assess the heritage significance of the site and its surroundings, as well as to propose mitigation measures to safeguard its heritage value.

1. Introduction: The proposed development seeks to remove and reinstate an existing concrete and tarmac track to provide a safer manoeuvring of animals and vehicles around the Farm buildings located in the South Westerly part of the clients land, and is to replace what is already insitu on the ground. It is essential to understand the heritage significance of Halls Barns Farm and its context to ensure that any development respects and enhances its historical character.

2. Historical Context: Halls Barns Farm is situated in an area with a rich historical context dating back to early 19 century with a squared sandstone blocks and a stone slate roof, along with single storey outshuts to both long walls and openings with plain reveals which has been and is primarily used for agriculture. Understanding the historical context is fundamental to assessing the site's heritage significance.

3. Site History: The history of Hall Barns Farm spans some number of decades, with its origins dating back to possibly the early 19thCentury, built in squared sandstone with a stone slate roof, with single storey outshuts to both long walls and openings with plain reveals all symmetrically treated. The north-east side has a wide doorway in the man barn wall with a segmental arch of punched stone with keystone and with a coat of arms-set over it. Inside the trusses are said to be softwood. The building is a grade II listed and its entry number is 1362218

4. Architectural and Archaeological Features: Hall Barns Farm exhibits architectural and archaeological features that contribute to its heritage significance. These include the stone slate roof, as well as a segmental arch with keystones and a coat of arms over it

5. Conservation Area and Listed Buildings: The proposed development site is located within Stoneyhurst Estate and within the Parrish of Aighton, Baley and Chaigley and within the Stoneyhurst School grounds, but detached from the School and has minimal if any impact on the character and setting of these designated heritage assets.

6. Impact Assessment: we have Conducted an impact assessment to evaluate the potential effects of the proposed development on the heritage significance of Hall Barns Farm and its surroundings. We have considered aspects such as visual impact, architectural harmony, cultural landscape, and any potential harm to heritage assets.

7. Mitigation Measures: Propose detailed mitigation measures to minimize or mitigate any adverse effects of the proposed development on the heritage significance of Hall Barns Farm. These measures include removing the existing concrete and tarmac, and preparing the reinstatement, and allowing for the new track to be formed so as not to touch the listed barn by forming a 200mm wide gap as highlighted in the enclosed drawings, and as noted in the previous refusal, and also after discussions with the Planning officer for the refusal.

8. Conclusion: the track has been kept clear of the Barn, so as not to be read in direct context with the listed and keep Halls Barns Farm independent, this will reinforce the commitment to preserving the site's historical character for future generations.

10. Recommendations: Not only does the track provide a useful location for the manoeuvring of animals and vehicles, it is also separated away from the Barn in a South west corner of the site, which will enhance the use of the site, but not detract from the listed building

In preparing this extensive Heritage Statement, rigorous research and analysis have been conducted to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the heritage significance of Hall Barns Farm and its surroundings.

I trust that this Heritage Statement will serve as a valuable resource for the planning authority in making informed decisions regarding the proposed development. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me