

## **Design and Access Statement**

**Ref: Staple Oak, Through Road, Dunsop Bridge, Clitheroe, BB7 3BG**

### **Context**

Staple Oak is a detached, residential dwelling situated in Dunsop Bridge within the Ribble Valley area of Lancashire. The property also falls within the civil parish of Bowland Forest High, in the Forest of Bowlands AONB.

The greenhouse lies within the domestic curtilage of the rear garden so the design, quality and impact of the proposed greenhouse are critical to maintain the look of the property, without detracting from the wider setting.

### **Amount**

The proposed greenhouse will measure 4.9m wide by 7.5m long with a ridge height of 3.8m and a roof pitch of 45°.

### **Scale**

The width and length of the proposed greenhouse is of proportions that are both practical and suited to the size of the garden. It is intended to be used for bringing in seeds and growing crops (for example salads and tomatoes) as well as over-wintering.

### **Appearance**

Although domestic greenhouses do not have a historical precedent before 1845 when the glass tax was repealed, features that are typical of the earliest greenhouses and which have been incorporated into the design of the proposed greenhouse are narrow glazing bars, the profiling of which is similar to that found on properties from the 18th century.

The proposed greenhouse is to be built using polyester powder coated aluminium, handcrafted to replicate a timber structure so as not to diminish or contrast with the surrounding buildings. The structure is to be coloured Greensand (BS10B23) which has been chosen to soften the visual effect.

The use of aluminium as a material was chosen, as not only does the overall design give the appearance of a traditional painted timber structure sympathetic to the site, but also as the material will not deteriorate over time which would otherwise cause the greenhouse to detract from its wider setting.

The plinth walls of the greenhouse are to be constructed of local stone to match the rear wall, which will complement the appearance of the greenhouse and mellow quickly and attractively.

We believe it is essential that the look of our structures is not compromised and it is to this end that we have sought the advice of The National Trust and English Heritage over the past few years. This has resulted in our designing of profiles and features to enhance the aesthetics which has enabled us to obtain listed consent on greenhouses throughout the country, and permission in many other sensitive areas, including AONB, conservation areas, Green Belt and the New Forest National Park.

On a further note the National Trust Architectural Panel have worked with us designing a glasshouse to their specification at the Vyne, a grade 1 listed garden in Hampshire. They have also chosen Alitex to work with them in other sensitive gardens throughout the UK.

**Access**

The greenhouse is only accessible through the garden from the main house and can be seen from the main public highway.