

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are writing to request consent for the building of a conservatory to our Grade II listed property at Lower Maythorn Barn, 2 Lower Maythorn Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 7TW.

This conservatory is intended to provide additional natural light, warmth and living space. We live with our 2 teenage children in this converted Barn. Both are starting university later this year and consequently will be continue to live here with possible partners for a number of years. We also have regular visitors from family in Germany and would be able to utilise this space as a temporary spare room.

The proposed conservatory would be on the south facing side of the barn which would harness the sun light particular in the winter months and reduce the need for heating on sunny days.

The extension would provide a quiet room away from the 60m/hr road which is directly passing adjunct to the north side of the building. This country side road with a top speed of 60m/hr can create a lot of noise particular during traffic hours which can be very disturbing in the living room which is situated in the north half of the building closed to the road. The barn is creating a narrow in the road which makes it dangerous for 2 cars to pass at the same time causing often hard braking and subsequent acceleration of vehicles with the increase of noise.

The building would create a bright retreat with a beautiful view over the valley which can be enjoyed during the often harsh weather conditions on the upper hills of the pennines. The property is situated at 340m above sea level.

In addition we have a collection of citrus bonsai trees and other tropical plants which are in our possession for over 25 years. Some of the trees are over 50 years old and require particularly in winter a warm and light location. Without the extension we would not be able to continue to look after these plants because of the harsh climate in this region. They would not survive.

The location and design of the conservatory make it hardly visible from the road and hence in our opinion would not change the appearance of the barn in a great way. A similar extension has been build at the neighbouring farm house

a number of years ago and it as well is rather increasing the appearance of the building.

For the design and eventual construction we have chosen a company which has a lot of experience in creating the look and fitting in of an extension to a grade II listed building. We are confident that the proposed conservatory will preserve the buildings historical integrity and enhance its functionality.

Kind Regards

Julie and Pitt Pieske !