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# Planning Letter

Darley Cliffe Hall

## **Proposal Summary**

Darley Cliffe Hall is a Grade II \* listed property comprising an 18th century main house, walled gardens and woodland. This letter supports landscape designs to the existing front garden and driveway, to improve functionality and restore the historic setting of the property. The proposals have been discussed with a Heritage Consultant to ensure the designs have been developed carefully and sympathetically to compliment the property's heritage.

The landscape design to the front garden proposes resurfacing the existing driveway with self-binding gravel and demarcating car parking spaces, including a disabled bay. All edging, low retaining walls and steps, make use of natural reclaimed York sandstone. Accessibility will be improved with a new access ramp, finished in resin bound gravel, which has been sensitively designed to incorporate formal planting and enhance the historic setting.

The formal planting areas and pathways proposed within the historic walled garden are designed in keeping with the symmetry of the classical architectural aesthetic. The pathways will be surfaced with brick pavers to match the existing Queen Ann brickwork. The brick wall of the walled garden is Grade II \* listed and is in need of repair. The wall will be refaced with period bricks (to match existing) and repointed with lime mortar to appropriately restore it's historic character. Along a portion of the Southern shared boundary, a hazel fence is proposed as a screen along the existing brick wall to improve privacy.

## **Site and Surroundings**

The application site is located within the Northern residential area of Worsbrough, south of Barnsley. The 3.26 acre site is situated at the junction of Kingwell Road and Old Sheffield Road, it's boundary spanning along a large portion of Kingwell Road. The property consists of a large area of woodland, walled gardens and a Grade II \* listed main house. The property is accessible by two roads: one North from Old Sheffield Road (which is also used by neighbouring properties), and one South from Kingwell Road. The Southern access road is privately owned by the applicant and is proposed as the main access to the property.