

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

EAST THURNSCOE PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS FRONT BOUNDARY TREATMENTS

As part of the Housing Market Renewal programme for Barnsley, funding is being made available to provide improvements to a number of properties within the East Thurnscoe estate.

Feedback from consultations with local residents, as part of the East Thurnscoe Master Plan, has highlighted the desire for external improvements to the properties. Residents particularly felt that *maximum benefit to the estate would be gained by the provision of new front boundaries and off street parking*. Accordingly these works will be the main priority for grant-assisted improvements.

Grants will be available to provide a new front boundary wall and off street parking for properties highlighted on the attached site plan of the estate.

Due to the heights of the existing boundary walls and the heights required to retain garden levels the new boundary walls which are to be constructed will need to be in excess of 1 metre in height and will incorporate decorative wrought iron railings and gates. *Careful Consideration has been given towards the specified heights of the walls in order to maintain a good level of visibility for both motorists and property owners*. All pedestrian gates will be of sufficient width to accommodate access for wheel chair users.

The smooth red facing bricks which are to be used for its construction will complement the red engineering bricks used in the construction of the properties throughout the estate and will enhance the appearance of the street scene.

The provision of new driveways will relieve the number of vehicles being parked on the street which will in turn *provide better usage of roads for motorists*. *Aesthetically* minimising the number of cars parked on the streets will again enhance the street scene.