

DESIGN ACCESS STATEMENT

MR & MRS J BARLTROP

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Summary

The main reasons for the porch are twofold. Firstly to protect the hall from the prevailing northerly winds which batter the front of the house; to prevent as much heat loss as possible from the large expanse of glass, and to provide further weather proofing from the driving rain that sometimes seeps under the door in to the hall. It depends on the wind direction and its ferocity, which at this height above sea level, can be very severe. Secondly is for the future and Mr Barltrop's physical capabilities. He has recurrent brain and spinal tumors, and is now under an oncologist in Sheffield, plus he is on the waiting list for a pacemaker for his heart condition. These seem to be recurring at ever shorter intervals in spite of radiotherapy, gamma knife and conventional surgery. Each event leaves him that bit weaker, and it takes longer for him to recover physically and mentally. Although he can still walk and climb stairs, his stamina is not good and he tires easily and quickly. In time he will need a wheelchair, and it is with that in mind the porch will accommodate this. At this time of cutbacks in all services Mrs Barltrop is trying to plan for the future rather than be confronted with an emergency situation, also it will save the local authority the cost of having to sort out wheelchair access and stowage.

Use of Buildings

The proposed porch will be a domestic area used by Mr & Mrs Barltrop

Access

Access to the building is from Schole Hill Lane

Design scale and appearance

The design of this Porch has taken some time to agree but we feel the finished design not only complements but enhances and improves the appearance of the front elevation of this Barn conversion. The proposal cloaks the existing window and timber lintel and gives more depth to this elevation with the longer windows.