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DESIGN STATEMENT – RED RIDGE WORK, BANK LANE, THURLSTONE, S36 9RR

HISTORY

The building was built in 1928 as a temporary structure for the manager of the works handling the construction of the local reservoirs.

The subject of this application is the roof. This has been repaired a number of times, but unfortunately the integrity of the whole structure is now in question. It has been noted that the ceilings are 25mm lower in the middle of the building, illustrating the degree of settlement. Recently one of the gables was totally blown into the roof space. All the fascia boards are rotten and need replacing. Therefore the time is right to address these problems.

On the 13th January, 05 permission was granted for the erection of a new front entrance porch, along with cladding the building in stone. The foundations and floor slab are now completed and the walls are in currently being erected, the stone being used is the same that was used for the existing stone garage.

DESIGN

The building is set in "green belt," it is the last building down Work Bank Lane, the closest property being 70 metres away. The building has a charm and it is the aim of this application to retain the attractive features and improve the character of the main roof.

The main aspect of the building is seen from the A628 Manchester Road. This south elevation has three attractive 53 degree pitched gables that meet the main roof. On approaching the building from Work Bank Lane, or when viewed from The Green in Thurlstone, the pitch of the main roof is only 28 degrees, this sadly lets down the character of the building.

It is proposed that the roof is taken down and rebuilt using attic trusses thereby providing two additional bedrooms. The new roof will be pitched at an angle of 47.5 degrees, increasing the roof height by 2 metres. By reference to the elevations it can be seen that the view of the building from its main entrance will be much improved. The proposed mullioned gable windows will also contribute to the improved appearance. The front gables previously described will be retained, in fact the new roof will have no additional features other than that of four small Velux roof lights set into the rear elevation.

The existing brick chimney will be taken down and rebuilt in stone to match the building.