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PROJECT 21310

DESIGN STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED TWO STOREY EXTENSION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT HANDY WATER HOUSE, POUND LANE, SIBFORD GOWER, OX15 5AE

Whilst the property is relatively new being built within the last 20 years, it is in relatively poor condition and requires completely renovating.

The complexity of the design has resulted in some poor detailing and reduced specification of materials that has resulted in mould prospering both internally and externally. At the same time, there are a number of design elements to the scheme that could be improved upon to make the property more functional and useable for the occupants.

The long wall on the driveway merges into the main wall of the property. currently, the existing arrival is via a small gate that then directs occupants and guests to either the boot room or conservatory. The main wall and small gate create quite a strong barrier upon arrival. When it is combined with the low eaves of the flat roof section it doesn't make for a very welcoming arrival to the property.

The proposal looks to create a larger break in the wall and greatly improve the sense of arrival to the property. It adds clarity to the main entrance with a new solid timber door that leads into the garden room, whilst allowing daily occupants use via the boot room.

The general arrangement of the property is somewhat unusual with an upper arrival and main living accommodation at a first-floor level and a lower ground floor that steps down with the site providing bedroom accommodation. The proposal seeks to create a beautiful master suite that benefits from the views, vaulted ceilings and provides generous storage space.

Whilst the property boasts some fantastic views, the level change on-site creates quite a disconnect of the main living accommodation with the surrounding gardens. The reconfigured kitchen layout looks to bring the kitchen closer to the entrance/garden room which provides the main access out to the grounds.

The main element to this application is for the extension of a two-storey side extension. The design of which follows the form and curve of the existing building. The scale is stepped down from the main house to help maintain subservience. This subservience is also carried through with the use and proposed change of materials. Much like the main entrance garden room, the

design looks to wrap around the existing building, combining a mixture of glass, stone, timber and a zinc roof.

The fenestration has been carefully brought about through a number of design iterations. The main focus was to break up the strong repetition to both the front and rear elevations. The proposed large full height stone wall on the front elevation creates a visual stop/bookend to the building. On the rear elevation, the upper floor is fully glazed much the same as the garden room but with larger panels. The proposed stone walls on the ground floor look to maintain a strong grounding of the property, which then gives way to the lighter translucent glazing above.

Overall, the proposal put forward seeks to improve upon the existing building to create a wonderfully functional and delightful family home that can be enjoyed by current and future occupants for many years to come.