

Heritage Statement Gardeners Cottage Harbottle

1/ Gardeners Cottage was built in 1829 as the gardeners cottage to the new Harbottle Castle. Research shows that it was built on the site of a medieval chapel known as Kirk Knowe which was believed to exist between approx 1100 - 1400.

2/ The proposed Log Store is to provide appropriate storage and drying space for wood to fuel the domestic heating of the house during the hours when the oil fired heating is not in use. The oil fired heating currently being limited to four hours per day only due to the prohibitive cost of using this all of the time during the winter months.

3/ The proposed site of the Log Store is situated adjacent to the driveway and the property to enable deliveries of wood to be dropped off and then stacked directly into the store. Rather than having to transport the delivered wood to a site remote from the driveway and the property and then back again when required. The proposed site is to the eastern elevation of the property where the bins and oil fired boiler currently stand. This is not visible from the main thoroughfare through Harbottle and would not detract from the main front elevation of the property as seen from that thoroughfare. The occupants of the property are both retired and advanced in years which has been a major consideration for the proposed site. The site would allow the occupants easy access to a source of dry wood for the heating of the property in the winter months and it has been chosen in anticipation of an ever increasing need for easy access as they grow older.

4/ It is proposed to construct the log store from reclaimed treated softwood with a traditional boarded and felted roof covering. The timber already has the patina of age having been reclaimed from an outside location where it was in use for many years. The finished construction would blend in to its surroundings and would look as if it had been there for many a year. Log stores of this nature being a feature of this kind of property for centuries, remaining a feature up to and including the present day.

5/ A mock up of part of the proposed structure has been erected on the site to illustrate what the log store would look like upon completion. This can be viewed at the property at any time by anyone wishing to scrutinise its construction, design and appearance. It is also believed that this could be helpful to the authority in deciding this application. A photograph of the mock up has been attached to the application.