

Design and Access Statement

Blackies Grade II Listed Gravestone
Wilbury Park, Halewood



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This design and access statement has been prepared in support of Miller Homes North West Listed Building planning application at our Wilbury Park, Halewood development.

1.2 We propose to lift the existing ground levels in and around the existing Grade II Listed Blackie Gravestone. To preserve and protect the existing gravestone whilst ground works are taking place, a qualified stone mason will remove and store the gravestone carefully. During this time, the gravestone will be restored and repaired where necessary before returning back to site where it will be securely installed into the new ground floor levels. A method statement detailing the program of works along with our proposed ground floor levels are attached with this planning application.

2.0 Location

2.1 Blackie Listed gravestone is located along the western boundary of our Wilbury Park, Halewood development. This boundary runs along Baileys Lane which in turn connects with Higher Road (A562) to the South.

2.2 Currently the gravestone is in an overgrown part of the site and is not visible from Baileys Lane. It is bounded by an existing hedge with plastic picket fencing at low level.



Gravestone Location ●

3.0 Use and Amount

3.1 The single structure is a Grade II listed Gravestone which commemorates Blackie the War Horse who served during the First World War c.1942.



4.0 Layout and Scale

4.1 The restored Gravestone will sit securely at its new floor height set within the landscape areas of the new residential development. An existing tree and hedgerow planting that currently sit in close proximity to the gravestone will be removed due to the changes in ground level. Once remediated, a new hedgerow will be planted along the same alignment as the current location, whilst a replacement tree will be planted within the neighbouring public open space area.

5.0 Landscaping and Appearance

5.1 The Gravestone will be removed whilst civil work takes place by a qualified stone mason. During this time, the structure will be cleaned and repaired where necessary before returning to site. Perimeter low level metal railings will delineate the boundaries and provide a sense of presence and importance to this historic feature.

