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Heritage Statement Within The Conservation Area of Knowsley Village.

Name and character of conservation area

Knowsley Village, Knowsley, Prescot Merseyside is a small historic village within a conservation area. The area is primarily residential with several village shops and public house and small restaurant/takeaway within. There is a dedicated Business Park on the edge of the village which leads to the M57 motorway.

The residential properties in the area are a mix of modern and traditional housing with some much older workers cottages built by Lord Derby from around 1840. There are also some much larger houses such as Dumbreeze House, Millbrook Manor, Knowsley Village Hall and various other older properties throughout the Knowsley Village area. All built in traditional materials for the type and age of the properties.

The majority of the houses in Knowsley Village were built around 1960 and are a mix of detached, semidetached and bungalows, some of the houses along Ormskirk Road are of the more expensive type with some set in a small private estate.

The proposed development

The property is a detached 4 bedroom house, with attached garage the right, there are large gardens to the rear and driveway to the front.

The property was built circa 1970 in facing brickwork with duo pitched roof and gable end to left and right, the original windows would have been timber, but later replaced with Georgian style Upvc, more recently replaced with Upvc full height panels, also modern composite front door. The property is flat fronted with bay window to the left side.

We believe the property was once used as the local police station, it is not clear if the property was built as such or was converted to that use.

Design concept

There is currently no porch to the property, there is one bay window to the left, there is a ground floor window to the right which was originally two smaller windows but since been altered and would suit being made into a bay window to match the left side.

The property would also benefit from a modern type of porch built in similar materials to match the Upvc windows which are in white plastic, and modern facing brickwork to the lower sections.

The new porch roof and bay roof would have similar Rosemary clay tile to match the existing bay. It is proposed to replace the existing windows with Georgian style and include new porch and bay window of the type and style usually associated with properties of this age and type.

There have been various alterations carried out to the property in the past to the front elevation, which has left the front brickwork in a somewhat patched up state, it is proposed to instruct a brickwork tinting company to match the patched brickwork to the original.

The development would be limited to the alterations to the front elevation only.

There is no landscaping proposed within the application.

Impact of the development on the conservation area

Describe the impact of the development on the building itself and the wider conservation area.

The new porch and bay window will greatly improve the appearance of the building from a mismatched and untidy appearance to a well-balanced uniform and neat front view of the property.

The property does not have any significant architectural features.

The property will be visible from the main road through the village.

The development will greatly enhance the appearance of the property and will help to preserve the character of the conservation area.