Design & Access Statement

For

Residential development to 53 High Street, Gosberton

for

Mr & Mrs s Hooper

Context – The Site and its surroundings

The site is located along High Street, Gosberton adjacent to Number 55.

The proposed site is in filling the gap between Numbers 49 & 55 High Street and benefits from the existing access driveway that also serves Numbers 51 & 53.

Gosberton is classed as a "Group Centre" within SHDC's Development Hierarchy. The site is located within the village centre and thus within the Development Boundary for Gosberton.

The village is modest size and offers local services such as a Primary School, Petrol Station, Church and popular Public House.

Gosberton has excellent transport links to both Spalding and Boston.

The application site is an area of residential garden to Number 53

The proposed site will be accessed from an existing driveway with Numbers 51 & 53 High Street.

The application site is located along an area where the predominant land use is residential with the exception of the Village Bowling Club to the immediate west of the application site.

All site boundaries are adjacent to existing residential dwellings and amenity areas and they are to remain unaltered for the proposal:

There is a mixture of building types, forms and styles within this locality.

The range of building types and architectural styles creates a distinct form to the townscape in this location. The roof line along the frontage is fairly uniform with a mixture of roof coverings including slate and tiles.

The proposal should be observed primarily against SHDC's Planning Policy HS6 which relates to New Housing within Group Centres.

Design Statement

- **Use**

The application site is residential use and deemed as being Brownfield land within the Development Boundary of the Village.

- **Amount of Development**

The proposal is for one number two storey traditional Detached Dwelling

- **Layout**

The proposed layout is shown on the accompanying design plans with a layout to suit the surrounding areas.

- **Scale**

The proposal is for a single two storey dwelling of a comparable height and form to the existing dwellings in the locality.

The scale and mass of the proposed dwelling can be seen from the design plans.

- **Landscaping**

Soft landscape - Much of the site will be given over to private planted areas

The existing site boundaries are shown on site block plan and will remain unchanged.

Hard landscaping – The access drive will have block paved finish to lessen any traffic noise and for low maintenance to the owners.

- **Appearance**

The range of building types and architectural styles create no real distinct form to the locality location.

There are few vernacular features in the area to pick up in the design, so relatively simple building has been proposed.

The roof line will be of comparable height to the existing bungalows with a roof covering to match.

- **Access**

Ensuring good accessibility for everyone in the approach to the building is a key objective. The layout and approach is straightforward and level allowing people of variable ability to use all their senses in a safe manner.

The site is flat and will enable the provision of a suitable environment for disabled access to the premises. The proposed layout of the site as shown on design plans will provide for a suitable environment with a shared vehicular and pedestrian access from the Private Highway. Access to the proposed development is from the south side of the highway with a level access to the new entrance door.

The principal entrance will have a sloped path giving a clear unobstructed access route into the building via a level threshold to the entrance door all in accordance with Part M of the Approved Documents.

The internal timber doors, lobby areas and toilets will be designed in accordance with Part M of the Approved Documents

- **Residential Amenity**

The operational residential amenity space and the car parking needs of the existing development will continue to be met as shown on the site block plan

SHDC have no guidelines or policies which provide min / max levels of amenity spaces for town or group centre developments so the proposed layout will provide comparable amenity areas as the adjacent dwellings.

- **Heritage Impact Assessment**

The existing host dwelling is a modern residential property built approx. 1960's and of little architectural or historical merit.

The proposed dwelling has been designed to reflect a more historical design suitable for the Conservation Area

The existing boundary hedging and fence will conceal much of the proposed dwelling from open views which will have little impact to the locality.