

**Heritage Statement and Design and Access Statement in respect of alterations to
No 55 Castle Street Melbourne DE73 8DV.**

Nos 55,57,59, and 61 are a cohesive pair of 3 story, early 19th century dwellings in Castle Street Melbourne, grade 2 listed in 1971 as an important element of the texture of the village totality. They have had minor changes to the fenestration and perhaps a somewhat unfortunate single storey extensions and alterations at the rear.

In the garden of No 55 there is a brick and slate building which might appear to have been a machine shed related to the Market Garden history of Melbourne and in its latter years perhaps used as a garage.

The subject of the application relates to No55 and the only changes to the existing dwelling is in respect of creating an en-suite bathroom at second floor level, which involves the intervention of a shallow window in the major slope of the rear roof as it sweeps from ridge line to first floor eaves level. It is proposed that the roof of the en-suite will be in matching slate, following the alignment of the existing roof and having lead cheeks. A wall between the dining room and kitchen will be removed but its historical presence will still be defined by the beam and column structure supporting the first floor.

The major work of renovation will be to convert the machine shed-garage building into a family room for the purpose of hosting family members. Its three dimensional form will not change and it will remain as a separate building from the main house but upgraded to modern building regulation standards.

One new fully glazed door will be created to give access and view into the garden, together with a rooflight. All other openings are existing. Gutters and eaves detailing will be as existing.

The overall view of the main house does not change or occupy any greater area than existing and does not impinge on the adjacent properties.

The status quo of access to this and all neighbouring properties will not change.

