



Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

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To: Planning Officer

Reference: DC/081672

Proposal: Rebuilding of warehouse and trade counter following fire

Location: 91 Moor Lane, Woodford, Stockport, SK7 1PL

We support the proposals for reinstatement of the premises following fire. As noted in the Design and Access Statement, there has been a builder's merchants business in that location for a long time and it provides a useful facility in the village and surrounding community.

We would like to make the following suggestions:

- There is an opportunity for tree and shrub planting on the site to enhance Woodford's natural features in accordance with WNP ENV3 and to increase biodiversity in accordance with WNP ENV4. We recommend native species to be in character with the semi-rural location and to support local ecology. Flowering species would support important pollinator insects.
- There is also an opportunity for use of renewable energy sources, high levels of insulation and permeable exterior surfaces to improve drainage, in order to address the impacts of climate change.
- The site is adjacent to a listed building, Moor Farm. Given the serious fire last year, which posed a significant risk to this property, we request that particular attention is given to ensuring that the rebuild meets fire safety regulations with regard to the materials used and the distance of the new premises from this building.
- There is an opportunity to impose conditions on operating hours to ensure that any disturbance to neighbours is minimised.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. M. Frearson".

Evelyn Frearson On behalf of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Management Committee