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## **ARCHITECT**

Sunrise Cottage

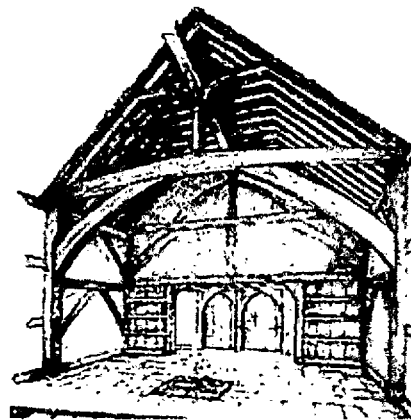
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### **HERITAGE STATEMENT - PROPOSED WORKS, THE STAWNE, WEOBLEY**

1.00 The Stawne is an early 16th century, two storey, timber framed house on an approximate east-west alignment with the west, jettied, gable end facing the main access road ( the B4230) into the village of Weobley.

A major refurbishment of the building took place in the 1990's which included a 2 storey stone and timber framed extension to the north (which it is believed was based on evidence found in the ground) and an unsightly, single storey lean-to porch to the south. These have resulted in the principal elevation presenting a very architecturally "unbalanced" aspect when viewed from the B4230 Weobley approach road.

2.00 Historic surveys have indicated that the building is the surviving early 16th century cross-wing to a timber framed hall and services range that abutted the South elevation (see Drg.9) which have not survived to the present day. Amongst the evidence for this is the spacing of the framing, which was originally internal, and is widely spaced (see SE Elevation Drg.PR2).

3.00 The Stawne has been continuously occupied since about 1540 and throughout the ensuing five centuries was subject to maintenance, repair, demolition and addition. By 1990 the framework had deteriorated and was in relatively poor condition. There is no doubt that the refurbishment carried out in the 1990-96 period was needed and it is clear that much of it was carried out with considerable care and attention to detail, replacing many lost timbers using evidence in the frame to ensure authenticity. Some of the detailing and decoration would now be considered inappropriate but this has now become part of the continuous history of the building. The visual significance of the house is of some importance and it is valuable to have the facade, with its close studding, back to something that closely resembles its original appearance. It stands on a prominent site and the house is seen, and remembered, by all visitors who approach Weobley from the Kington road.

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4.00 The proposed works are seen as a proportionate response to the client's requirements which will have negligible impact on the existing structures. By constructing a well detailed timber framed porch, we believe that the proposals will;

- a) present a more balanced architectural composition when seen from the all important Weobley approach road, whilst bearing in mind the historical context and the stone extension to the north,
- b) allow demolition of the existing, unsympathetic lean-to entrance porch,
- c) provide some protection to the original framing of the South elevation which was never intended to be external and
- d) provide important basic facilities more in keeping with the clients requirements and the building's aesthetics.

It is possible to provide all this by constructing a sympathetic, free standing timber framed extension which will have little effect on the existing structure other than the removal of one modern window and one modern door.