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PPG15 Statement to accompany a design and access statement and a full planning and listed building application for proposed works to be carried out to: Didsbury Village Restaurant, 846 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury

- Didsbury village restaurant and its neighbours are some of the oldest buildings in Didsbury and are situated in an area of particular historical importance. We fully recognise our responsibility in restoring the building in a sympathetic manner, in order to return it to its original appearance and to prevent further dilapidation.

- Using old photographs of the building estimated to be from the late Victorian era, we have determined that in order to return the facade to its original appearance the white masonry paint and the mock shutters will need to be removed. The external escape door will also be replaced with something more befitting to the age and character of the building.

- The rear of the building has had numerous unsympathetic additions over the years, all of which are now in a poor state of repair and require attention to prevent further dilapidation. Although this area cannot be seen from the highway we intend to improve its appearance and will seek advice from the conservation officer regarding materials and finishes.

- Internally we intend to expose original features, such as fire places and the winding stone cellar steps. It is hoped that these features will be emphasised by the inclusion of modern features such as the structural glass table offering views of the historic cellar below.

- Due to the almost level approach it will not be necessary to make significant alterations to meet DDA requirements.

- No trees in the vicinity will be affected.

- It is our intention to liase fully with the conservation officer to ensure that the proposed works are designed and carried out to his satisfaction.

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