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A Design & Access Statement For A Planning Application
Gleeson Homes
Land to South of Cleator Mills. Cleator.

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Architectural Consultancy: Knapton & Knapton



# 1.0 - Introduction.



### 1.0 Introduction.

#### What is the planning application for?

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared on behalf of Gleeson Homes to accompany planning application for the Main Street, Cleator Mills Cleator development site.

The planning application is for a Residential Development of 115 new dwellings.

This document has been prepared to ensure design is integral to the creation of new developments and responds to the requirements of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 for applications of this type to be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement.

Guidance contained within the NPPF which states:

"The Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, is indivisible from good planning, and should contribute positively to making places better for people." (Paragraph 124)

The aim of this Design & Access statement is to provide a structure and also to explain how the proposed development responds in a suitable way to the site setting and demonstrates that the application site can be accessed by prospective users with ease.

The design and access statement seeks to explain the design principles and concepts that have been applied to the development. It also aims to demonstrate how the proposed development's context has influenced the design.

The Statement also explains the approach to access and how relevant Local Planning policies have been taken into account.

Gleeson Homes have collaborated with other consultants to prepare an appropriate design solution which responds to planning policy and site context whilst working to alleviate constraints and maximise the opportunities provided.

This document is submitted in support of the planning application and sets out to achieve the following:

- Identify the existing context of the site
- Identify the key development principles and framework which have informed the detailed design of the scheme
- Provide a detailed design analysis and design solution.

The ethos of the design is to:

- Create a high quality residential development
- Create a legible and attractive place with a sense of identity
- Create a sustainable and high quality living environment
- Make efficient use of land in terms of ecological enhancement and density



View from Main Street to application site

# 2.0 - Site Location.



## 2.0 Site Location.

The site is located at Cleator Mills in Cleator Moor, Cleator which is to the south of Main Street.

- The application site is currently fields in the village of Cleator.
- To the north of the site beyond the Main Street frontage is the Grove Court Hotel, directly to the eastern boundary is housing on Brookside and a derelict factory.
- Directly to the South are further derelict factory buildings and the River Ehen beyond them.
- To the West of the site is existing residential units of Howthorn Fields and the Ennerdale Country House Hotel.
- The boundaries of the site are defined by a mix of treatments including mature, native species hedgerows, trees and a variety of fencing.





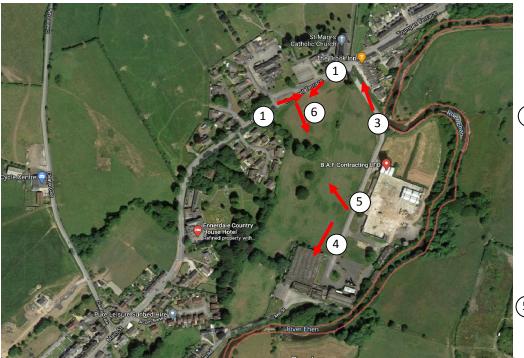
Site Location Aerial View



# 3.0 - Site Analysis.



## 3.0 Site Analysis.















Site with position and direction of photographs





## **3.0** Sustainability.

Local amenities within a 1 mile radius of site



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the application site very convenient for people using modes of transport other than

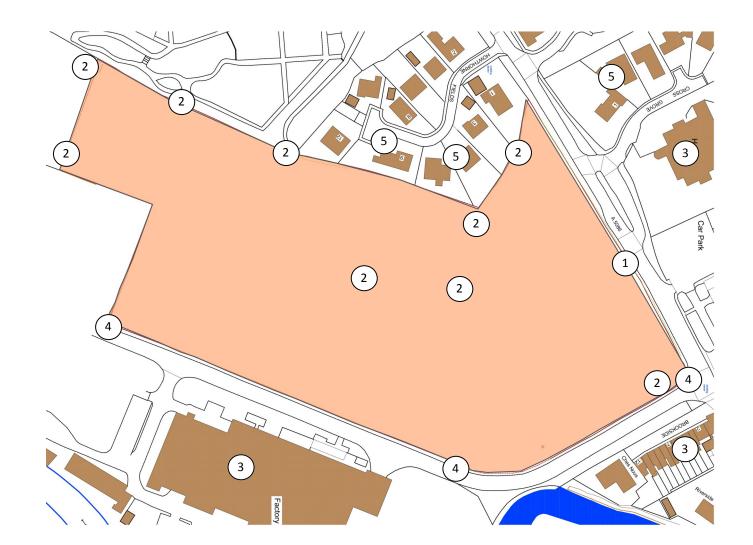
### 3.0 Site Analysis.

When developing a site, it is important to assess the existing situation and identify potential opportunities for improvement. Likewise, any constraints need to be fully understood from the start.

The plan opposite therefore provides a visual impression of that assessment which has been undertaken. The findings of this exercise will help to create a framework for the development.

1– Existing vehicular access point

- 2– Existing trees and hedges
- 3- Existing buildings
- 4– Existing public footpath
- 5- Existing houses

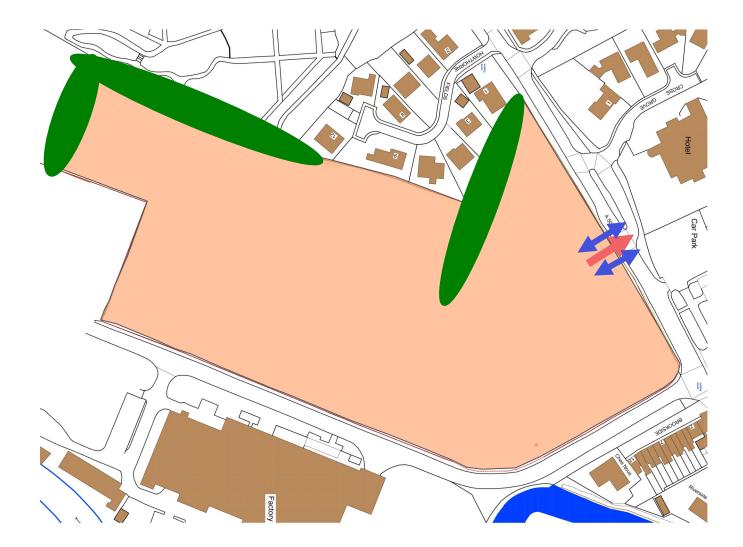


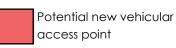


# 4.0 - Opportunities & Constraints.



### 4.0 Opportunities & Constraints.





Creation of new pedestrian links into site

We can seek to retain existing good quality trees

It is imperative that the pertinent features of any site are responded to in a positive way when initiating and evolving a plan for development. These features may be positive or negative, for example, ensuring that a positive feature is exploited to its potential and the site's benefit ensuring that a negative feature is mitigated. A positive feature can be a view into or from the site and negative one a utility service that cannot be re-located. This plan gives a visual assessment of such features on the site and has been used to develop the design process.



# 5.0 - Design Development.



## 5.0 Design Development.



### Layout Development

Original sketch was developed further with more detailed technical aspects.



## 5.0 Design Development.



### Layout Development



Arrows denote orientation of new dwellings

Existing footpaths adapted and introduced into proposed



Following on from the site analysis and identification of the opportunities & constraints initial concept sketches were produced to try and establish the best approach to the de-

This initial concept sketch looked at a potential internal road pattern within the site and how the layout relates to existing site features.

sign and layout of the site.





#### Introduction

The site constraints, considerations and strategies discussed in the previous sections have all been borne with the final scheme incorporating refinements from earlier sketches where deemed appropriate in order to address and improve certain aspects following the consultation process.

The following text clarifies the specific detail of the submitted scheme.

#### **Development Proposals**

The proposed development comprises of 115 new residential units (with vehicle access from Main Street).

The list below provides a summary of the development parameters for the proposals:

- 115 New build houses
- Range of car parking solutions on site from parking spaces for smaller dwellings, driveways alongside dwellings and garages to the larger detached plots.

#### **Use and Amount & Scale**

It is considered that the proposed residential use is entirely suitable in the context of the site. The site is located within a predominantly residential area and therefore the proposed use is the most suitable for the site.

In total, 115 residential dwellings are proposed on a site that has a gross area of 10.29 acres.

The proposed development consists of two storey dwellings. All of the dwellings are to be a mix of semi detached and detached houses.

#### Access & Accessibility

- Vehicular access to the site will be via a single roadway access from the North off Main Street.
- The size, shape and scale of the site lend itself to a simple yet logical highway hierarchy.
- A 5.5m wide road with a 2m wide footpath to both sides brings you into the site, once entering the private cul-de-sacs and driveways on the development, one side reduces in size to a 600mm margin and the other side remains at 2m.



Inclusive access within the layout provides for ease of movement by all social groupings and seeks certain minimum standards for disabled access for such items as steps, ramps, door widths, etc.

The 'approach' to the dwelling, the area of land within the curtilage of the property from the boundary of the plot up to the building itself, will include 'accessible' paths and drives wherever possible, taking into account the topography of the site. The use of various surface materials, dropped kerbs, tactile paving, parking and drop off points will be used to facilitate ease of movement by all.

#### Layout

The location and orientation of the new dwellings respect the surrounding properties and relate well to one another. The proposed houses are orientated to either be back to back or side to back with their neighbours, this avoids any front to existing rear aspect and respects privacy giving secure amenity to the existing and proposed properties. The layout follows a fairly linear strategy, particularly in a North to South direction where the built form follows the respective streets.

Dwellings have been positioned so that they provide an attractive outlook and good natural surveillance.

Certain buildings are located to create focal ends and vista stops. There is a clear definition between the public and private domain with all properties having 'defensible spaces' to their frontages and sides on corner plots, with a variety of hard and soft treatments to the street, some giving physical enclosure to the semi-private spaces such as hedges and shrub beds. Additional gable windows are also introduced to overlook public areas and ensure 'active frontages' exist throughout the site creating a safe and naturally surveyed environment. All the properties will have individual footpath accesses to their rear gardens giving direct control over their own private domain. This will aid security, but still allowing easy access. This also enables waste and recycling provisions to be located at the rear of the properties out of sight from the street.

Where possible the dwelling's private amenity spaces back onto other gardens or are screened from public areas by 1800 high stone pillar/fences or vertically boarded fences, with rails inboard to reduce climbing potential.

#### Parking

All new dwellings have car parking in curtilage. Detached dwellings either have a drive to the side leading to a garage or a drive to the front with an integral garage. Visitor car parking is provided throughout the layout in the form of incidental parking on the roads and designated visitor parking spaces on the shared surfaces.

#### Appearance

All the house types have been carefully designed with traditional proportions, simple yet effective detailing that will not date. We have ensured the vernacular features of Cleator are represented, with white UPVC windows consistently used on all house types. A robust material palette is proposed consisting of Forterra Abbey Red multi facing brick with Forterra Ashwell Yellow multi feature brick. The roof tile will be flat Concrete Tile in Dark Grey. White UPVC French windows, white UPVC fascia/barge boards, black rainwater goods and White Composite or Steel Faced for both Front and Rear Doors.

This material palette will ensure the longevity and sustainability of the dwellings.



#### Designing out Crime

All new developments should create pleasant environments for residents where they feel safe and quality of life is not undermined by crime or the fear of crime. To this end, opportunities for criminal activity should be recognised and designed out where possible. The following considerations have been taken into account when planning the scheme layout;

- Well defined routes for cars and pedestrians which are well overlooked.
- Car parking overlooked, no rear courtyards.
- Structured places with no conflict between uses.
- All publicly accessible spaces overlooked.
- Well defined defensible spaces and the use of suitable planting.
- Management scheme to ensure landscaped areas are well maintained.
- Layout designed to minimise vulnerable rear and side boundaries
- Robust 1.8m high fences and lockable gates provided.
- All proposed houses front the new road network to ensure positive frontage security.
- All properties will have a wired alarm to house and garage.
- All entrance doors to properties will have an external light with PIR.

#### Landscape Design

#### OBJECTIVES

The landscape design for the development has been led by the following objectives:

- To create an attractive and safe environment for the users of this development.
- To satisfy circulation requirements without allowing vehicles to dominate the character of the site.
- To develop a bold planting scheme that compliments the building form.
- To retain the existing boundary vegetation were possible.
- To develop a valuable area for local wildlife.
- A stone feature wall and piers with planting front and rear will define the entry into the development.
- Planting to both sides of the entrance road and visitor parking spaces.



### Schedule of Accommodation

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10%	12%	5%	362.87	3,906	60.48	651	6	semi/town	2В	211
		9%	705.11	7,590	70.51	759	10	semi/town	ЗВ	301
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#### Mix of house types

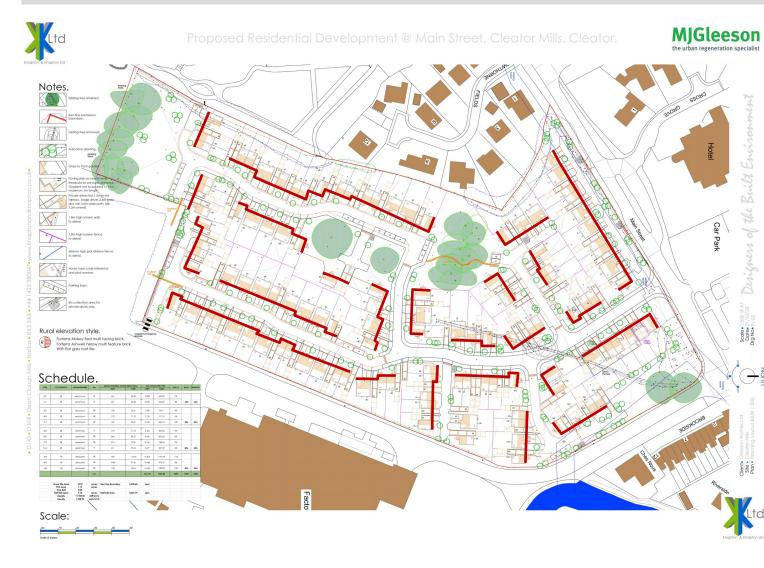
The final layout consists of a mix of dwelling types.

There is a total of 115 proposed dwellings comprising of 2,3 and 4 bedroom townhouses, semi detached and detached properties.









### **Active Frontages**

#### Private Space to Rear of Dwellings

Gardens will be fenced (details below). No areas within the site provide for visual refuges where intruders could remain unobserved.

#### Footpaths and walkways

Through the design of the layout, natural surveillance of footpaths and walkways are proposed throughout the scheme. Footpaths should be well lit and where applicable provide provision for cyclists.

#### Frontages

As mentioned the natural surveillance benefits will also assist in enhancing the security for fronts of dwellings. In addition to this, improvements to structure security are also proposed and are to include such measures as access doors to all properties to be fitted with multi point locking systems and euro cylinders and

#### **Boundary Treatments**

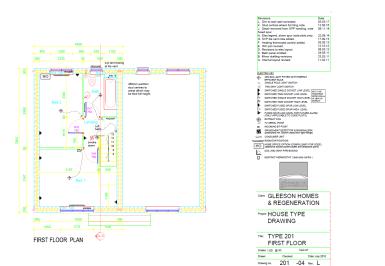
Boundary treatments to rear facing gardens are to be timber domestic grade fencing 1.8m high, which, whilst providing a degree of physical security is most effective as a psychological deterrent to opportunistic crime.

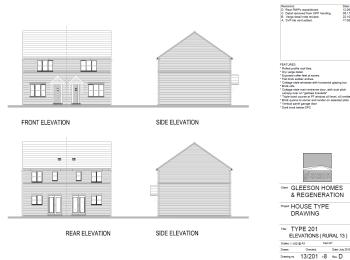






### 2 Bed Dwelling





### **Proposed New** Dwellings

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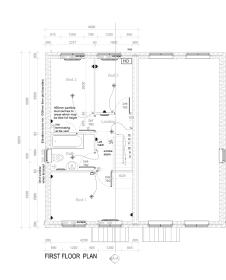
A range of 15 dwellings types are proposed for this site and these have been proposed as a response to the local vernacular.

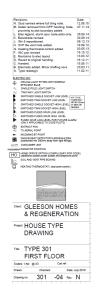
The range starts from 2 bed to 4 bed properties.

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### 3 Bed Dwelling







FRONT ELEVATION





SIDE ELEVATION



REAR ELEVATION



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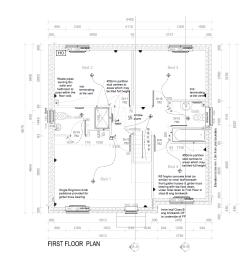
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### 4 Bed Dwelling







REAR ELEVATION





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SIDE ELEVATION







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**Typical Street Scenes** 

# **Image Required**

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# 7.0 - Summary.



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This statement seeks to establish the most suitable design solution for the development of the site. The development proposals have also considered key policy guidance in relation to design. The design has evolved through a number of options, with overriding design principles in place to guide the development. It is considered that the approach to the development of the scheme provides a robust design and it can be demonstrated that the final plans and proposals are those most suitable for the site within the context of the development and use proposed.

Below is a summary of the scheme proposals:

- 115 new build houses consisting of 2,3 and 4 bedroom properties.
- Range of car parking solutions on site are proposed from parking spaces, driveways alongside dwellings and garages.





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