



## Dumble Planning Proposal



**To Derbyshire Dales District Council, 9th June 2006**

"... Your encouragement, advice and Planning Consent are fundamental in allowing us to make further progress. We provided an informal presentation on the 7th March 2006 to the Chief Planning Officer to gauge initial reaction to the project. This presentation included visual modeling of the minimal impact on surroundings, the basic design and build concepts, the maximum utilisation of renewable energy resources, the extensive use of recycled materials, and it's 'fit' within planning guidelines.

We hoped the Planning Committee would share our interest and excitement in this highly topical project, and the response was very positive. We believe this project fits perfectly within the spirit and wording of the recently revised Planning Policy Statement 7, which appears to invite such concepts. The relevant paragraph reads: -

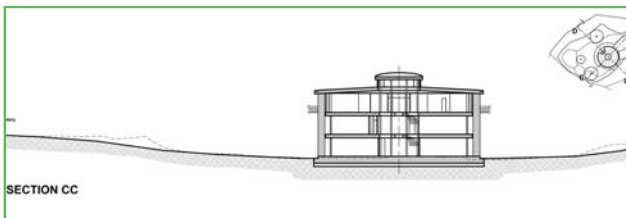
*"Very occasionally the exceptional quality and innovative nature of the design of a proposed, isolated new house may provide this special justification for granting planning permission. Such a design should be truly outstanding and ground-breaking, for example in its use of materials, methods of construction or its contribution to protecting and enhancing the environment, so helping to raise standards of design more generally in rural areas. The value of such a building will be found in its reflection of the highest standards in contemporary architecture, the significant enhancement of its immediate setting and its sensitivity to the defining characteristics of the local area"*



We also approached Building Control and reviewed our building plans, design and technology concepts, and general features on the 26th May 2006. Their response was also very constructive and positive.

Fisher German has been on board for some time, providing general and planning advice through David Merton (M.R.I.C.S.) and Kay Davies (B.Sc. (Hons), Dip T.P., M.R.T.P.I.). Detailed Surveying has been carried out to confirm the suitability of the site for our plans. Ian Bevan RIBA from Cadenza 3D is providing architectural and design input for the design of the house, and also accurate visualisations and computer modeling of how the project will look when completed, and how it fits into the landscape and surroundings. He has been involved with many similar contemporary projects, including visual modeling for the famous 'Gherkin' building in London.

I am 59, with an engineering background including Aero Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Vehicle and Machinery Design, Project Management, Recycling and Waste Management. I have established, owned and



managed a number of companies, frequently involving the development of new products, techniques, machinery and vehicles, with substantial challenges having been met. My experience is directly relevant to many aspects of this new project, and the last 17 years have been related to Environmental Engineering Technologies and Products. During this time I have gained about 30 international patents for new inventions and techniques,



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and have worked with major initiatives including recycling techniques, use of recycled material, power generation and energy conservation. My products have been sold world wide to household names such as Coca Cola, Ford, Hilton Hotels, Glaxo Smith Kline and McDonald's and are included in major systems used for Waste To Energy Plants and onboard processing of waste at sea by companies such as P & O. I am confident that I can manage this project, and provide an impressive result.

My wife and I intend to live in this new house for the rest of our lives. It will therefore be designed for minimum maintenance and to provide comfort and accessibility, as we grow older. We wish to take a real and responsible step towards meeting the challenges that we all face, such as dwindling resources and climate change.

We would like DDDC to be proud of the fact that you will not only have encouraged this project to develop, but that you will also have followed it keenly and provided your input as part of our team. We will seek further expert advice as required, welcome all constructive advice, and appreciate all the help we can get. We want everyone involved to feel proud of the end result, and their contribution to it.



I will be project managing this build, providing much of the labour, and fabricating or assembling as much as possible on site or within our existing workshops at Ashton Close. Fortunately, everyone currently involved shares the excitement, passion and determination to make this a success. I feel a very strong desire to build this house, logically incorporating and demonstrating my experience in such a worthwhile long-term project,

but do not underestimate the task and challenge. It is likely to take at least 18 months to bring to a standard where my wife and I can move in. To then optimise the various systems and their integration is likely to take another 2 years.

I have been developing this concept and the project's design features and components for many years, and feel further encouraged and reassured by both the increasing importance being attached to climate change/climate saving issues, and the conviction that this project, with adoption of some or all of its features by others, can really help to make a difference.

We naturally hope that you will be able to grant Planning Permission for its construction."

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**Planning Permission was granted on the 22nd January 2007**



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