

# Contemporary porch extension to an older building

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) provides guidance about local distinctiveness and how new design can play its part. This porch entranceway extension provides useful additional space without compromising the character of the main dwelling.

A clear division is made between the original structure of the house and the extension, underpinned by a definite setback in the building line and a change of material. The vertical timber tones well with the local stone of the main cottage and sits comfortably against a wooded backdrop.

The scale of the extension fits the plot size without overwhelming it and the simplicity of the design is complimentary to the rest of the dwelling.

## LOCATION AND CONTEXT

The village of Wellington Heath lies within the landscape character type of [Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings](#). This is an intimate, densely-settled landscape, characterised by strings of wayside cottages and associated smallholdings.

The settlement comprises different styles, mostly post-war in age, but also including some older brick/timber and stone-built dwellings. Many of the buildings are individual in style, set within their own plots and of unique design. These nestle in a complex patchwork of small pastoral fields, historic orchards and a network of narrow winding lanes, often defined by tall hedges with hedgerow trees.

Wellington Heath benefits from a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) which provides clear local planning policies for the Parish. This document is taken into account by the Local Planning Authority when it determines planning applications.

This cottage is typical of the small wayside cottages still scattered within this area.



Positive setback of the building line behind the external chimney and the change of style and materials, mark a clear break between this modern extension and the original building, the effect further emphasised by the recess of the front door within the extension.

The Forest Smallholdings and Dwellings are particularly vulnerable to changes in character brought about by built development. Increased affluence and mobility have encouraged long term residents and newcomers alike to extend or remodel the original modest cottages.

In this case, consistent detailing to roof slates, rainwater goods and colour of fenestration links the two aspects of this façade into a single entity.