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DESIGN + ACCESS STATEMENT

The plan retains the L shape of the original back extension. The design simplifies the external appearance by eliminating the conservatory that currently dominates the ground floor.

The plan provides a larger integrated kitchen and living room space in line with contemporary living. It allows ease of access throughout the ground floor by opening up and extending the structure, eliminating steps and thresholds between the existing kitchen and conservatory, and conservatory and garden, and making circulation through to the existing living/dining rooms possible.

It is proposed to use some materials that match the original - e.g. reclaimed stonework. The contemporary doors and windows aim to look neat, uncluttered, transparent.

There is a second proposal to replace the window onto the back addition roof with french windows. The design would follow the original as far as possible, set back in the reveal, retaining the header brick detail. Other houses in the area have them including the adjacent building (Photo 4). The proposal is that black railings would be appropriate with privacy screening a non-structural element.