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**PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER: 2015/0025**  
**HOWARD HOUSE, BALLADEN RAWTENSTALL: LANDSCAPE DESIGN PROPOSAL**

Dear Mr. Stray

I have been asked by Karen Howard to review the proposed landscape design to the Howard House, planning reference number 2015/0025.

The proposed landscape features such as the drystone walls, hedgerows with native plants, reuse the dry mill pond as a wetland or as retentions pond for rainwater runoff will greatly enhance the ecological value of the site. It will have a significant impact on the biodiversity of the site.

First, the hedgerow and the drystone wall will serve as a linear "green corridor" for animals to move into or through the site. It will help to connect different habitats in the area. The pond will serve as a nonlinear landscape element, called "patches". The linkage of corridors and patches is crucial for any ecological landscape design.

Repairing and constructing new drystone wall and reusing the old mill pond as a historical reference is a very interesting approach to visualize the original usage of the site.

Together with the intended planting of birch trees and fruit trees such as pears and apples, the proposed landscape design will create a beautiful place and define the character of the surrounding.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate and contact me.

Yours sincerely

Stefan Schrämmli