

PLANNING APPLICATION: 2017/94236 37 Bridge Street, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5JN

HERITAGE STATEMENT

Assessment of significance

Basic information about the listed building or conservation area

The property falls under the Slaithwaite Town Centre Conservation area (see attached map)

Date of building

The building was constructed approximately in the 1890's

Description of features of the building

The building is constructed from Yorkshire stone with a slate roof. It is an end of terrace property with a single storey café attached to the gable end.

Name and character of the conservation area (if relevant)

Slaithwaite Town Centre Conservation area. The town centre is undergoing regeneration projects at the Globe Mill and with the construction of the Empire works amongst other smaller projects such as the Rumpus burger bar (old toilet block) and shops with balconies near the circular carpark. The general character remains construction in stone and slate, generally with windows that have slate grey coloured frames.

Its contribution to the setting of the listed building or conservation area (if relevant)

The back of the property has an exit from the yard onto the canal tow path and is visible from the high street.

Description of the significance of specific part affected by proposal.

The part of the property affected by the proposal is the dormer. There is an old existing dormer which is made from peeling black wood and single glazing glass with white PVC framing the construction and slates on the side. It is an ugly, 70's style, cheap construction. We propose to replace with a new dormer that will have slate grey window frames and slates so the dormer appears to be emerging seamlessly from the roof and will match with the local area.

Heritage impact assessment

An assessment of impact the proposal will have upon the heritage asset (Listed building or conservation area)

The dormer will have minimal impact on the conservation area as it is a replacement of an old dormer with a new one. The new dormer will be in keeping with the area in materials so should enhance the building as it will look new with matching style windows to the globe mill. It also will not have white plastic on it so will match in with the slate roof better than the existing dormer which should make it blend into the roof more.

Will the proposal harm, enhance or preserve the significance of the heritage asset?

Preserve – no real change

How will the proposal impact upon the heritage asset?

Minimal impact as stated above.

Justification

The more the harm that is being caused, the greater the justification that is needed.

Demonstrate why the works are required

The works are required as the current dormer is old, weathered, has not been properly maintained and only has single glazing. The new dormer will be built in line with the UDP and will use materials in keeping with the local area. It will be designed with materials that make it less obvious than it is now as the construction will include slate grey windows and slate so it looks as though it is emerging seamlessly from the roof.

If the impact is harmful, what is the public benefit? For instance, are you securing optimum viable use of the heritage asset in the interests of its long-term conservation?

N/A – not harmful

Are there alternatives which would cause less or no harm?

N/A