

Historic Context

The proposal is within part of Pollard Hall. The property was divided into two apartments and the main hall in 1968. The grounds are divided into three distinct areas, each belonging to one of the apartments or to the Hall.

The original house dates back to the Elizabethan period, pre-1600. In the period up to 1968, the Hall was in single occupancy, mainly in the ownership of the Burnley family who were textile manufacturers. The history of their tenure is recorded in detail in publications both local and national. The house is also listed in Pevsner.

The building has been extended 5 times, which can be seen via an inspection of the elevations, the most recent being in 1892. A more detailed description of the estate can be viewed in the book "Gomersal A Window on the Past" written by Gillian and Neil Cookson (ISBN 0 900746 53 X), a Kirklees publication of 1992¹.

The proposal includes the insertion of a full glazed window in an existing mason's opening with dressed stone jams and heads. The existing planked door will remain complete with existing ironmongery and fixed in an open position. The proposal will create a small office, with no alteration to internal walls or doors.

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