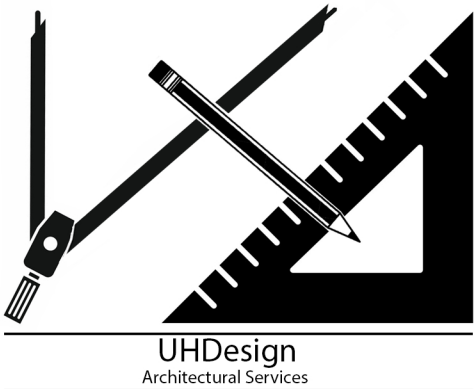


Heritage Statement

92-94 Halifax Old Road
Huddersfield
HD2 2RP



Introduction

Kirklees is rich in heritage, in recognition of this there are 60 conservation areas in Kirklees which help preserve and enhance the quality of life in the borough. Conservation in Kirklees has acted as a catalyst for regeneration, helping to diversify the economic base and enhance the character and appearance of the areas, ensuring the heritage of Kirklees is both a historic and economic asset.

Conservation areas are defined as 'areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance' (Section 69 of the Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990). Conservation areas are recognised for the contribution they make to the cultural heritage and economic well being of the country and to the locality.

The purpose for the statement is to accompany a planning application for a rear and side extension. With an outdoor gym and play area.

Site Area

The site is located within Birkby Conservation Area, which is noted for being a mainly nineteenth century residential suburb of Huddersfield, but includes older buildings and a large mill complex together with a Victorian cemetery and public park. The main area of Birkby consists of stone terraced properties with stone boundary walls and gateways contributing to the street scenes.

The application site is situated on Halifax Old Road directly opposite the recently developed Mosque. The site itself is a combination of two properties, 92 and 94. The site has a substantial external area which would also be used for off street parking.

The external area currently has off street parking, with a herb and vegetable garden. The rear section contains a play area and an out door exercise area.

The majority of the buildings of significant conservation status are upper Birkby and consist of stone terraced properties. The property will be designed to blend in with the host property

Due to the property consisting of two properties functioning as the host property the proposal is designed to benefit both. The design is to use stone and grey roof tiles to match the existing property and to be sensitive to the area and conservation status.

The proposal consists of a two storey rear extension and a single storey to the side. A previous application and comments from the conservation team have been taken into account and the proposal reduced and window fenestration to match the host property and near by properties.

Impact on conservation area

In conclusion this proposal is to be sympathetic to the conservation status of the area whilst still allowing the properties to function in harmony. Due to 94 being a smaller property the proposal would allow both properties to work in unison as the layout of the property it can be clearly seen if in keeping with properties of the area 94 is currently significantly smaller. If the properties were to be used as separate dwellings in the future 94 would require an extension such as this proposal to create an acceptable living space.

The outdoor gym and play area is open and allows the space to still flow without a heavy impact on the garden or the visual amenity to the conservation status. Thin timber posts are used to achieve this. The space was created during the winter lockdown to allow for protect outdoor space for the family home. Images are attached below to show as it was constructed before the play/gym area was set up.