

Heritage Statement

15 Hill Top Fold, Slaithwaite HD7 5EQ

15 Hill Top Fold, also known as “Aeneas Bothomley’s House” is known to have been built in 1685, evidenced by the date stone above the door, and by the will of Edmund Bothomley, leaving the property to his son Aeneas. It is a “Yeoman’s House,” one of a number in the area. It has additional local significance as the residence of Robert Meake, a local clergyman and diarist.

The house was derelict by the mid-20th century but was “rescued” in the 1970s by a Mr. & Mrs. Beaumont who made a number of repairs and changes during the 1970s and early 1980s. The current windows date from this period.

Nothing is known about the original 17th century windows, and it seems likely that the arrangement of mullions in the “weaver’s cottage” style was created in the 18th century, although there is evidence of further subsequent changes in the stonework.

We believe that the current windows were fitted to the mullions that were in place in the 1970s. No changes to the mullions are proposed. The proposed windows will reflect the format of the current windows, i.e. plain glazed units with a small number of casement –type openers to each room.

The windows will be manufactured and installed by Touchstone Glazing Solutions Ltd of Brighouse. Further information about the company and their work can be found on their website: [Touchstone Glazing Solutions Ltd](#)

The glazing will be 28mm double glazed units filled with argon gas, using Albion Crowne glass for a hand blown appearance.

The fixed units will be “Insulead” BFRC “A” Rated for thermal efficiency, fully drained and thermally broken. The fixed units are leaded directly into the stone mullions with no frames.

The openers will be Steelyte[®] opening casements which fit directly into the stone mullions with the narrowest of sight-lines. BFRC “A” Rated for thermal efficiency, fully drained and incorporating three thermal breaks and two weather seals. The frames will be stainless steel, powder coated in very dark grey to match the leaded fixed units.

Further details of frame sizes and finish are provided on the drawings included with the application.

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