Heritage Statement

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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.

An area with conservation area status imposes a duty on Kirklees Council to preserve and enhance the quality and character of the conservation area. Designation as a conservation area strengthens existing development policy in the Kirklees Unitary Development Plan (UDP) to preserve and enhance the appearance and character of the conservation area.

Kirklees Unitary Plan describes Birkby as '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 stone terraced properties have a leafy aspect to the streets with uniform stone boundary walls and gateways contributing to the street scene'.

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 site itself consists of a red brick property adjacent to stone built properties on Bleasdale Avenue, directly across the main road are more red brick properties one recently developed with a two storey side extension.

<u>Impact on conservation area</u>

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 existing property with red brick and roof tiles to match.

The property is semi detached and and properties to either side and adjacent are all red brick with grey roof tiles. The material choice for conservation and heritage is to remain as red brick and grey roof tiles so as to continue the transition of new and old.

In conclusion the location and design of the existing property would allow the proposed design to have minimal impact on conservation status.