Front door for 1 South Street

Design and access statement

1 South Street is a Grade 2 listed building in the Wooldale Conservation Area. The property is listed as Nos 1 and 3 after being converted into one dwelling in the past.

The official list entry (SE 1508 SOUTH STREET 13/298 Wooldale) suggests that it is part of a:

Row of cottages, part of group. Early C19. Hammer dressed stone. Stone slate roof. Three storeys. Nos 1 and 3: ground floor entrance, one 2-light and one 3-light stone mullioned window with further small light, possibly altered. First and second floors: two 4-light stone mullioned windows

There is no mention of the door being an outstanding feature.

We are proposing a replacement 'like for like' door design with the addition of two glass panels in order to let more light into the property. Issues with the current door include:

- Poorly fitted frame and door which allows draughts, light, slugs and insects to pass through
- The wood has been damaged previously through poor maintenance. Repairs have been made on numerous occasions but this is no longer possible. The bottom of the door in particular is in very poor condition.
- The door is a solid design which prevents light entering the property and hinders security

The new solid hardwood door would be built using oak by a local joiner who is sympathetic to the requirements. The benefits would include:

- A better fitted and constructed front door, making the property more energy efficient
- The appearance of the property would be improved significantly
- Security would be improved by being able to see visitors through the glass panels
- Lighting within the property would be improved

As previously stated, we intend to replace the current door with a 'like for like' design with the addition of glass panels. Access to the property will remain as is existing and any work on site will not impact on neighbouring properties or the wider conservation area.