

HERRITAGE STATEMENT

PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE OF GROUND FLOOR TO OFFICES AT:

85, Blacker Road

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HD1 5HQ

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Introduction:

This heritage statement accompanies the application for a change of use at 85 Blacker Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD1 5HQ, adjacent to a designated conservation area.

The purpose of this statement is to assess the potential impact of the proposed change of use on the historic and architectural significance of the area, particularly regarding the proposed alteration of a window to a door.

Historical Context:

Blacker Road is characterized by its Victorian and Edwardian architecture, contributing to the overall aesthetic and historical significance of the nearby conservation area.

The area is known for its decorative brickwork and traditional features, which reflect the architectural heritage of the period.

Proposed Change of Use:

The application seeks to change the use of the ground floor from a residential dwelling to an office space. The only physical alteration proposed is the conversion of an existing window to a door.

This change will not involve widening the opening and will be executed in a manner that respects the building's historical character.

Impact Assessment:**Visual Impact:**

The proposed alteration from a window to a door will be designed to integrate seamlessly with the existing façade.

The proposed door will match the style and materials of the surrounding architecture, ensuring that it does not detract from the visual integrity of the conservation area.

Architectural Integrity:

The window-to-door conversion will be carried out without widening the existing opening, thereby preserving the original proportions of the building.

Care will be taken to ensure that any materials used are sympathetic to the building's historical features, maintaining its architectural integrity.

Community and Economic Benefits:

Changing the ground floor to an office space aims to enhance local employment opportunities and provide services that benefit the community.

This aligns with local objectives for sustainable development, ensuring that the property contributes positively to the neighbourhood.

Enhancement of the Conservation Area:

By introducing a new use that is compatible with the surrounding area and making only minimal alterations, the proposal will enhance the vitality of the conservation area while respecting its historical context.

Conclusion:

The proposed change of use at 85 Blacker Road, along with the minor alteration of a window to a door, has been carefully considered in relation to its context within the adjacent conservation area.

We believe this application not only maintains the heritage values of the area but also promotes a beneficial use for the property.

We recommend that the application be granted, with a commitment to ensuring all future works remain sympathetic to the heritage context of the site and its surroundings.