

## Heritage Statement – 152 Penistone Road, Shelley

152 Penistone Road is one of a pair of Grade II listed dwellings situated within the Civil Parish of Kirkburton and the metropolitan borough of Kirklees. Although the site is located within the designated Green Belt under Kirklees Local Plan, the site does not fall within a Conservation Area.

Built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the property received listed building status on 16/05/1984. The dwelling is built from hammer dressed stone and has a stone slate roof with gable copings on cut kneelers. The property is currently split into four units consisting of residential and commercial use.



1830 – 1880 OS Map



Map as per Historic England 29/07/2025

The property has undergone significant changes since receiving its listed building status, as previously the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to the rear of the property was rendered and changes have been made to the colour and style of the windows and doors along with the garden facilities to the property.

The property has previously undergone a change of use to the under dwelling of No. 152 and No. 154 along with alterations to the car parking. These changes have been implemented with varying degrees of sensitivity to the heritage context.



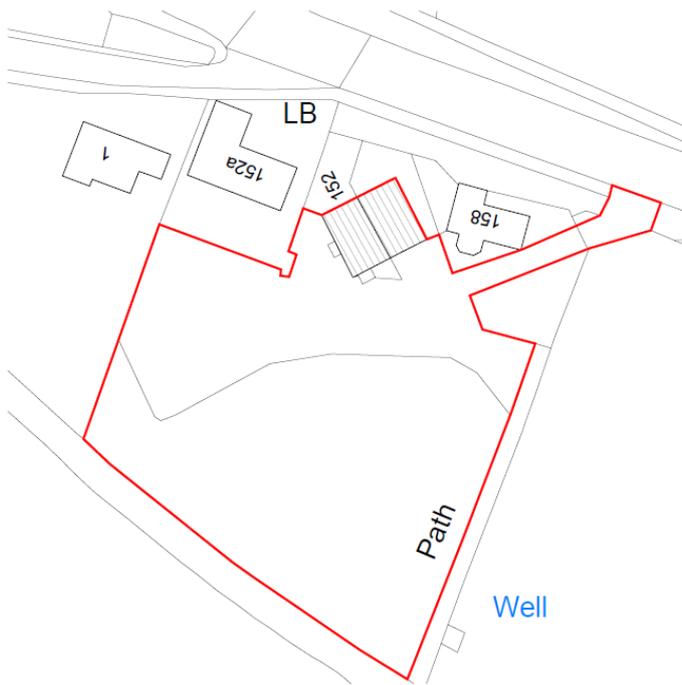
*Photo showing the rear of the property dated 29/10/1999*

The entire lower ground floor (No. 156) is a dwelling owned by the client and rented out to tenants. The middle ground floor (No. 152A) is a commercial property currently used as a beauty salon, accessed via a door at the side of the property. The upper floors are divided vertically to form two over dwellings (No. 152 and No. 154).



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*Location plan of 152 Penistone Road*



*Rear of property, showing split of units*

This proposal intends to change the use of the commercial building and revert the use back to a residential dwelling, in line with the original listed building specification. The proposal will connect the two floors using a new staircase in place of the original one, we also seek to incorporate a balcony to the rear and side of the property, allowing increased natural light and open space accessibility.

We feel that this proposed change of use and addition of the balcony will enhance the property, by reverting it back to its initial heritage asset whilst also protecting the heritage impact by negating the want or need for a full-scale extension to the property in the future.

We are of the view that the addition of a balcony will not cause significant disturbance to the visual representation of the property which would occur should an extension be sought. The balcony would be formed with the use of sympathetic materials such as timber or powder-coated aluminium frames.



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*View of No. 152 & No.154 from Penistone Road*

The client is mindful to only want to add a balcony to the windows that have been changed, avoiding the original weaver's cottage windows to preserve the heritage fabric. The placement of the balcony is on a non-principal elevation, thereby avoiding visibility from Penistone Road. While no principal elevation is affected, the rear and side balcony will provide improved light access and open space. The balcony design avoids intrusive visual elements and is not visible from the main road.

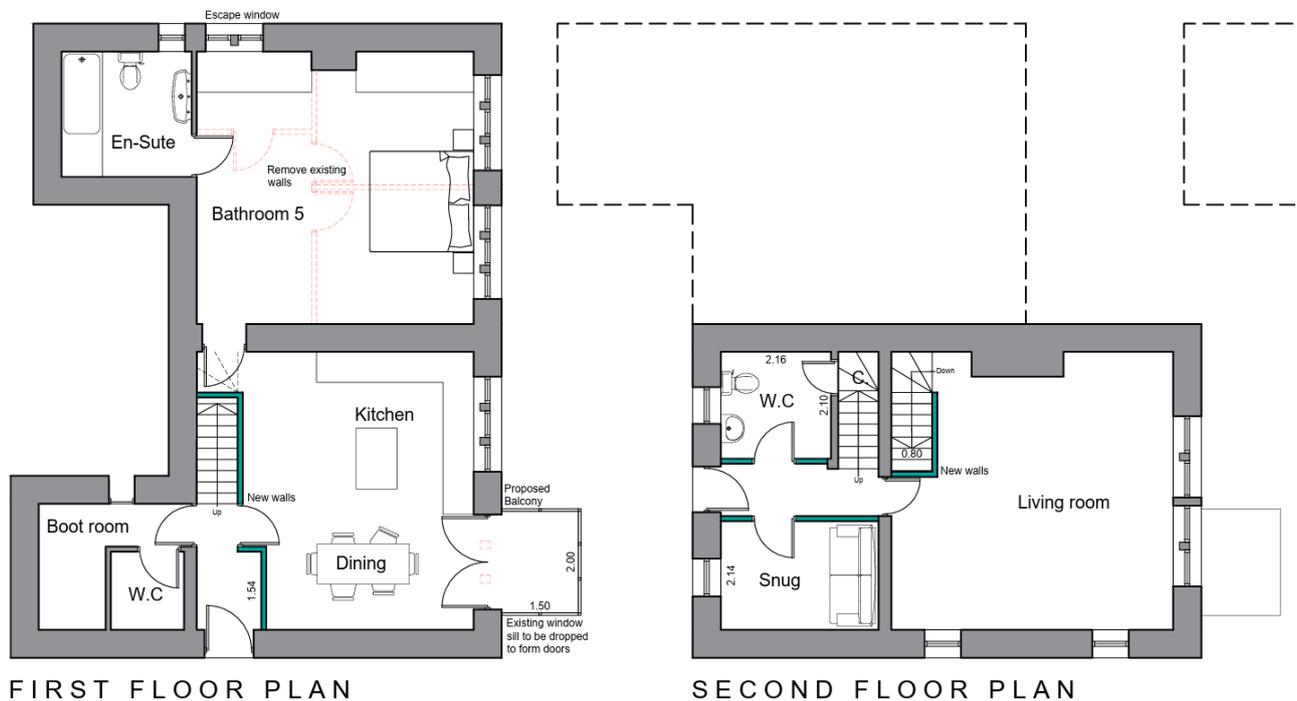
We feel that the addition of the balcony maintains the balance of protecting the heritage of the property whilst also being mindful of the modern living standard and does not affect the appearance of the wider curtilage.

The reversibility of the balcony is viable with minimal disruption or heritage impact, should the client wish to replace the windows and take the building back to its original form.



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Adding an internal staircase between the first and second floors will restore the building’s original layout and improve its function as a single dwelling. Reinstating a direct link between floors will return the property to a more authentic arrangement, consistent with its historic domestic use.

The staircase will be sensitively designed using materials that complement the Grade II listed fabric, positioned to avoid loss of significant features, and installed so it can be reversed in the future. This approach ensures minimal impact on the heritage value while meeting modern living needs.

By improving internal access without resorting to larger, more intrusive alterations, the proposal supports the building’s sustainable long-term use and enhances its overall liveability, all while respecting and preserving its historic character.