

This Heritage Statement is submitted in support of an application for Listed Building Consent for the replacement of the existing external door at my Grade II listed property in Huddersfield.

1. Description of the Heritage Asset

The property is a Grade II listed building forming part of the historic built environment. Its significance derives from its architectural character and surviving historic fabric, which should be preserved where reasonably possible.

2. Existing Door

The existing external door is an old timber panelled door which is in a deteriorated condition. It is affected by significant rot, warping, draughts, and reduced structural integrity. The door is no longer fit for purpose and cannot be viably repaired.

The condition of the door is actively worsening, resulting in issues relating to security, weatherproofing, and usability.

3. Proposed Works

It is proposed to remove the existing external door and replace it with a **uPVC external door**. The replacement will be installed within the existing opening, with no alteration to the surrounding masonry, structural opening, or historic fabric of the building.

The proposed door has been selected as a practical and affordable solution following investigation into like-for-like timber replacement options, which were found to be financially unaffordable.

4. Reason for the Proposal

The existing door is in a state of active deterioration and is no longer suitable for repair. A like-for-like timber replacement has been considered; however, this option is not financially viable.

The proposed uPVC replacement provides a functional solution that ensures continued security, weather protection, and usability of the property.

5. Impact on Heritage Significance

The proposed works will result in a change to the appearance of the existing external door. However, the replacement will be contained entirely within the existing opening and will not involve any alteration to the historic structure or fabric of the listed building.

The principal architectural features of the property will remain unaffected. The overall impact on the significance of the building is therefore considered limited.

6. Conclusion

The proposal addresses the urgent deterioration of the existing external door through a necessary replacement. The selected uPVC door provides a practical and affordable solution while maintaining the existing access arrangement and avoiding any alteration to the listed structure.