

Design and Heritage Statement

Project: Formation of new doorway and demolition of existing porch.
The Silent Woman (formerly The Globe), Nabbs Lane, Slaithwaite,
Huddersfield. HD7 5AU

1. Site and Context

This document has been prepared to support an application for planning approval for the formation of a new doorway and removal of existing porch located at the property known as The Silent Woman Public House, formerly known as The Globe, located on Nabbs Lane, Slaithwaite. The building lies within the Slaithwaite Town Centre conservation area.

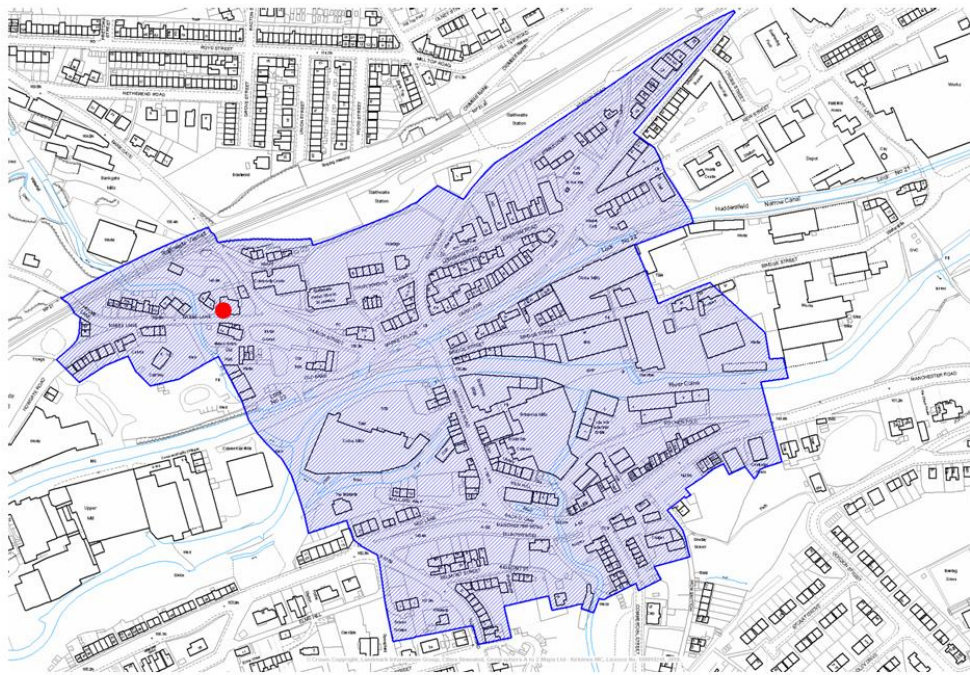


Figure 1: Application site shown by red dot in context of Slaithwaite Town Centre Conservation Area

2. Existing Situation

The existing front elevation of the subject building currently has a lean too porch which was added sometime in the 1970s or 1980s and is not in keeping with the original frontage of the building (See images in appendix 1). While functional, the porch detracts from the simplicity and legibility of the original elevation and partially obscures the character of the building.

The frontage of the building has been amended a number of times over the last 50 years with the addition of the porch and an old doorway being blocked up to now form a window.

Furthermore the whole frontage of the building was actually re-constructed in 1928 as shown on the date stone.

3. Proposal

The proposal consists of the removal of the existing porch structure in its entirety returning the frontage and main entrance to its original frontage and the formation of a new doorway within the existing elevation which is slightly set back from the frontage.

The new doorway will incorporate traditional detailing, including stone lintels and cills designed to match the existing features of the building.

4. Design Principles and Justification

The design approach has been led by a desire to enhance the appearance of the building and better reflect the character of the building within the Slaithwaite Town center conservation area.

The removal of the existing porch will restore the simplicity of the principal elevation, reveal the original form of the building, and remove a later addition that does not positively contribute to its character.

The proposed doorway has been carefully designed and located to ensure it integrates with the existing building.

5. Heritage Impact

The proposed works have been carefully considered in relation to the significance of the building and its setting within the conservation area.

The removal of the existing porch will result in the loss of a later, non-original addition that detracts from the building's character.

The formation of a new doorway will preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area.

There are several listed buildings surrounding the site, including the Grade II* listed Manor House and Grade II listed Lock Up to the south of the site, on the other side of Nabbs Lane.

The proposed works will have no detrimental effect to any of the existing Listed buildings in the surrounding area and specific efforts have been taken to ensure that the design is sympathetic to the character of the conservation area.

6. Materials

All external materials will be carefully selected to match the existing building.

New stone lintels and cills will be provided to reflect traditional detailing found within the building and wider area.

Appendix 1:

Image 1 –

