

Heritage Statement

Proposed Replacement Garage Doors

Property: 3 High Street, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6AW

Proposal: Replacement of Existing Garage Door and Frame

Building Status: Grade II Listed Building

Local Authority: Kirklees Council

1. Introduction

This heritage statement has been prepared in support of an application for Listed Building Consent for the replacement of the existing garage door and frame to the lower ground floor garage of the property.

The property is a Grade II listed building situated within the Honley Conservation Area. The proposal relates solely to the replacement of the existing garage door and frame and does not involve any alteration to the historic masonry opening or wider structure of the building.

2. Existing Situation

The existing garage door and frame are in poor condition and are no longer functioning correctly. The current door regularly slides off its frame and is difficult to refit, making it unreliable and impractical for continued use.

The garage currently has no source of natural light.

The existing brickwork opening measures approximately:

- Width: 2300mm
- Height: 2050mm

These dimensions are measured from brick to brick and include the proposed replacement frame.

3. Proposed Works

The proposal is to remove the existing garage door and frame and replace them with a pair of traditional outward-opening timber cottage-style doors within the existing opening.

The replacement doors and frame will be trimmed and fitted precisely within the existing masonry opening. No alterations are proposed to the surrounding brickwork, stonework, lintels, or structural opening.

The proposed doors will comprise:

- 44mm thick redwood timber doors
- Redwood timber frame
- Painted olive green finish
- Three black metal hinges per door leaf (top, middle, and bottom positions)

- Two black metal handles positioned towards the central meeting edge of the doors
- Six small square privacy / obscure glazed windows positioned at the upper section of each door leaf

The new frame will be mechanically fixed into the same masonry positions as the existing frame.

4. Heritage Considerations

The proposal has been carefully designed to preserve and respect the character and appearance of the listed building and surrounding conservation area.

The chosen cottage-style timber doors are considered appropriate to the age, character, and vernacular appearance of the property and surrounding streetscape. The use of painted timber construction, traditional proportions, and restrained detailing reflects historic domestic outbuilding and carriage-style doors commonly associated with buildings of this type.

The olive green painted finish has been selected as a muted traditional colour appropriate to the historic character of the property and surrounding area.

Black metal ironmongery has been selected to provide a traditional appearance consistent with historic agricultural and cottage-style doors.

The inclusion of small privacy / obscure glazed windows has been carefully considered to minimise visual impact while introducing a modest amount of natural light into the garage. The obscured glazing will prevent clear visibility into or out of the garage from the public realm, thereby preserving the building's appearance and privacy.

Importantly, the proposal does not involve:

- Alteration to the historic masonry opening
- Removal or modification of historic brickwork or stonework
- Structural alteration to the building
- Enlargement of the opening
- Changes to the wider architectural character of the property

The works are therefore considered to result in minimal impact upon the significance of the listed building.

5. Conclusion

The proposed replacement garage doors represent a sympathetic and proportionate alteration that preserves the character and appearance of the Grade II listed building and conservation area.

The works are limited solely to the replacement of a defective modern garage door and frame within the existing opening, with no alteration to the historic fabric of the building itself.

The proposed traditional timber cottage-style doors, painted finish, and restrained detailing have been intentionally selected to complement the historic character of the property while improving practicality, durability, and appearance.

It is therefore considered that the proposal preserves the significance and special architectural interest of the listed building in accordance with the statutory duty under Sections 16 and 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and relevant local and national heritage policies.