

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 19th 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, previously the first 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, according to

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



and May 2025

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) was previously used as a beauty salon however a change of use application was granted to revert this floor from a commercial property to residential use. This floor is accessed via a separate door at the side of the property. The upper floors are divided vertically to form two over dwellings (No. 152 and No. 154).



Location plan of 152 Penistone Road



Rear of property, showing split of units

This proposal seeks to convert the middle ground floor (152A) into its own self-contained unit. Having already received approval to change the use from commercial and revert it back to a residential dwelling, this proposal intends to continue the long-term use as a domestic home and contributes to the conservation of the property, aligning with the original listed building specification.

The proposed accommodation will utilise the existing rooms, requiring only limited internal alterations. Previous discussions, indirectly, with KC Conservation and Design Officer and previous planning approvals suggest that the internal walls do not hold significant heritage value to the house. The proposed layout of this under dwelling remains sympathetic to the existing layout and does not cause significant changes to the appearance, in keeping with the original building and heritage of the home.



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The proposal also seeks to replace the door and windows to the dwelling. The existing windows and doors are in a poor state of repair due to water ingress, rot and mould. The condition of the existing elements adversely affects both the building appearance and residential amenity, and the removal and replacement of the defective elements would benefit and preserve the heritage asset.

Replacement windows and door would replicate the originals in material, design and profile, offering a like for like finish. The being said, 152A holds no principal elevation and cannot be viewed from the main road (Penistone Road), therefore the changes to fenestration would not have an immediate impact upon the appearance of the principal elevation or the existing street scene. The replacement of these would benefit future occupiers and preserve the condition of the heritage building.



Photograph showing rear elevation window condition



Photograph showing exterior and interior condition of middle ground floor windows





Condition of existing door and frame





View of No. 152 & No.154 from Penistone Road – cannot see 152A

The proposed alterations would not alter the architectural composition of the elevations or diminish the significance of the heritage asset. Rather appropriate and sympathetic replacement of the deteriorated elements to secure the long term conservation of the listed building and prevent further deterioration and damage.

We therefore consider these proposals to preserve the architectural and historic interest of the heritage asset, sustaining and enhancing the listed building for the future.