HERITAGE STATEMENT

Project: Proposed Residential Side/Rear Extension

Site Address: 76 Royd Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD3 4QY

Local Planning Authority: Kirklees Council

1. Introduction & Site Context

This Heritage Statement has been prepared to accompany a planning application for a domestic extension at 76 Royd Street, Milnsbridge. The property is located within the residential grid sitting just north-west of the main valley floor of Milnsbridge. The settlement is tightly defined by its rich textile industrial heritage, characteristically characterized by steep topography, stone-built workers' terraces, and prominent 19th-century infrastructure.

The property falls within the boundaries of the **Milnsbridge Conservation Area**, designated by Kirklees Council to preserve and enhance the architectural quality, industrial plan form, and historic character of the valley settlement.

2. Assessment of Significance

The significance of the Milnsbridge Conservation Area stems primarily from its development during the 19th-century industrial expansion. This is evident in the heavy use of local natural gritstone, traditional dual-pitched slate roofs, stone boundary treatments, and uniform building lines that reflect the area's growth around the textile mill economy, the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, and the local railway viaduct.

The host asset at 76 Royd Street contributes to this character through its structural scale and context within the residential streetscape. The area's significance relies on maintaining cohesive frontages and preventing visual disruption to historic vistas from public vantage points.

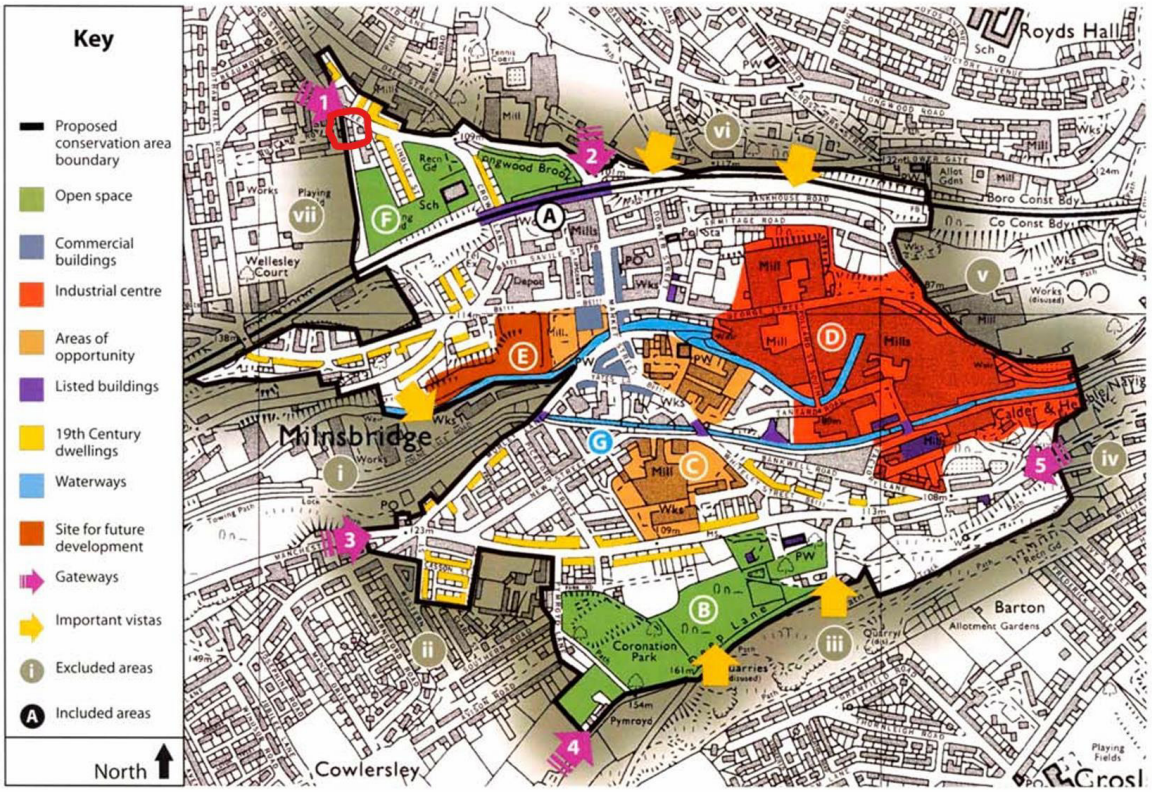
3. Proposed Visual Record

3.1 Existing Property Image



Place a clear photograph of the property's front elevation here to demonstrate its current status, architectural vernacular, and relationship to the immediate neighboring plots.

3.2 Conservation Area Map Location



Place an annotated snippet of the Kirklees Council Milnsbridge Conservation Area boundary map here, indicating the precise location of No. 76 with a red plot indicator.

4. Design Philosophy & Impact Assessment

4.1 Visual Impact & Public Vista

The proposed development has been deliberately designed to minimize any impact on the character or appearance of the Conservation Area:

- **Front Elevation Preserved:** The street-facing principal frontage of the property will remain entirely unaltered.
- **Setback Strategy:** The extension is heavily pushed back from the primary building line. Due to this significant setback and the local topography, the new massing will not be visible from the primary public highway or key vantage points along Royd Street. It will have a entirely negligible impact on the historic streetscape.

4.2 Materiality & Architectural Detailing

To ensure a seamless integration with the host dwelling and the wider historic context, the scheme prioritizes high-quality material replication:

- **Walls:** The extension will utilize facing materials that perfectly match the existing property in color, texture, courses, and grain (matching the local stone/artificial stone facing characteristic of the street).
- **Roofing:** The extension will carefully replicate the existing dual-pitched roof design, using matching profile tiles/slates and pitch angles to ensure continuity of the roofscape.

5. Conclusion

The proposed extension complies fully with the requirements of **Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990** and the historic environment policies outlined within the **Kirklees National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**.

By preserving the unaltered front elevation and hiding the additional volume to the rear using identical architectural detailing and materials, the project guarantees that the character, appearance, and fundamental significance of the Milnsbridge Conservation Area are fully preserved.