

Heritage Statement

Garden Cottage, Wortley, Sheffield. S35 7DB

Wortley Hall is a Grade 11* listed building described by Historic England as:

Wortley Hall With Attached South-front Terrace and Steps Including Attached Retaining Wall and Steps to Wing Set Back on Left. Further details can be found on the Historic England website.

There is no mention of garden cottage within the Historic England official list entry.

Garden Cottage forms part of the Wortley Hall Estate being within the grounds it will require listed building approval for any extensions or alterations.

The Avenue (the entrance road) to Wortley Hall approaches the property from the West, the property can be seen here through the mature trees. It is a substantial site of approximately 2,300sqm containing what was originally the butlers (for the hall) cottage, a number of stone outbuildings and lean-to's, and a prefabricated concrete garage. The house itself has seemingly been extended a number of times although all these appear to be historic, predating modern planning laws; the most recent addition is possibly the small precast concrete garage to the north of the house which appears to be post war. Wortley Hall is obliquely visible directly to the South, to the East lies open farm land, to the South East and West of the site are small areas of woodland that provide some screening of the property. The property is bounded by predominantly dry stone walls, the garden areas are mainly grassed with a number of small trees and shrubs, and there are distant views to the East over the open farmland. The land falls away to the East and the house is set approximately one metre lower than the access road to the hall.

Following completion of the extension and alterations under planning approval 2012/1090 and listed building consent 2012/1095 and listed building consent to rebuild the outbuilding 2014/ 0153; the applicant now applies to replace the timber sash windows and external doors to the original building that were not replaced under the previous applications as these windows are now suffering from rot and poor insulation values.

The replacement timber framed sash windows and doors will match the existing windows in style and colour, they will use a timber section size as detailed on the attachment and matching those used in the extension to the property. The external door to the rear elevation is believed was converted from a window at some point in its history, due to internal damp problems from the stone steps it is proposed to return this door into a window which will match the adjacent ground floor window including matching stone cill (header to remain). The stone steps will be removed and the wall behind made good.

The existing front door will be replaced with a timber door to match the colour and style of the existing.