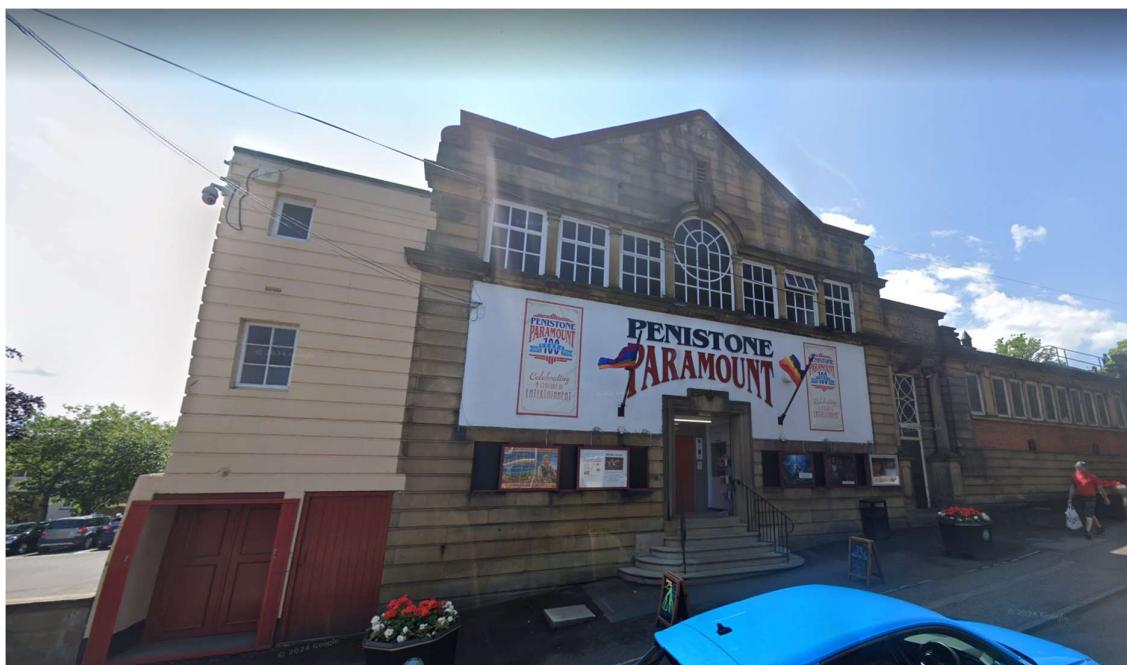




Heritage Statement in support of Planning Application



Re-roofing Works

Penistone Paramount, Shrewsbury Road, Sheffield

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Proposed works under consideration

The following impact assessment considers the heritage impacts of the works proposed to replace the existing roof covering to the Paramount Cinema, Town Hall, Masons Lodge and Physio House. The existing roof is an asbestos cement tile which has been in place for a number of years and has received a number of repairs, following internal leaks. The decision was made to replace the covering with an Artificial Welsh Slate to restore the roof back to that similar of its presumed original aesthetic and making it watertight with improved detailing. The rainwater goods will also be replaced as part of the works with UPVC ogee profile gutters and square downpipes. The decorative roof cowl previously used for ventilation into the roof space are a unique feature to the roof, however impractical to the proposed roof system. It is for this reason that it is proposed they are removed and replaced with modern forms of roof ventilation.

Relevant Legislation / Planning Policy

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

In terms of the impact on the special character and appearance of the listed building, Section 16 (2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, states:

In considering whether to grant listed building consent for any works the local planning authority or the Secretary of State shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

NPPF para 189 and 190: The NPPF requires applicants to describe the significance (heritage) of any heritage asset affected by a proposal including any contribution made by the setting of the asset. The level of detail should be proportionate to the importance of the asset and the degree of intervention the proposal represents. The local Planning Authorities will take the heritage significance of an asset into account and consider any impacts on the asset to avoid conflict with the conservation of the asset.

NPPF para 193: Great weight given to an asset's conservation, irrespective of the degree of harm

NPPF para 194: Any harm to or loss of significance will require clear and convincing justification

Barnsley Local Plan Policies

Barnsley Local Plan Policy HE1: The Historic Environment: Positively encourage developments that help in the management, conservation and understanding of the historic environment

Barnsley Local Plan Policy HE3: Developments affecting Historic Buildings: Proposals involving historic buildings should conserve and where appropriate enhance, respect historic precedents, and capitalise on opportunities to reveal significance

Designated Heritage Assets

Whilst the building itself doesn't have its own listing on the register, the site is within a conservation area and some features of the building may be of architectural merit / significance to the building and local area and may be of interest to local conservation authorities.

Opposite the site lies John the Baptist Church which has a Grade I listing. There are multiple other Grade II listings in the local area and are referenced in Appendix A.

Penistone History

Historical records mention the name as "Penstun" in 1143 and "Penstone" at an undetermined date, indicating that the second element derives from the Old English "tun," meaning farm or village, rather than "stan," meaning stone, as might be assumed.

The history of Penistone traces back to 1066 when it was under the ownership of Ailric. However, following the Norman Conquest, the settlement was destroyed in 1069 during the Harrying of the North. The Domesday Book later described Penistone in 1089 as 'wasted.'

The town remained relatively insignificant until the arrival of the railway in 1845, which eventually transformed it into a significant junction with an engineering depot.

Several pre-19th century buildings remain intact, including the oldest structure, the Grade I listed medieval parish church, Saint John the Baptist Church. Additionally, the White Heart pub in the town dates back to 1377.

There is substantial evidence that Christianity was established in Penistone well over a thousand years ago.

St. John's Church contains remnants of a Saxon cross and was likely originally constructed in wood before being rebuilt in stone during medieval times. It has long served as the principal centre for Christian worship, education, and community life in Penistone.

Heritage Values

The significances and sensitivities of the heritage assets in the affected areas can usefully be identified following the practice and advice provided in the English Heritage Conservation Principles (2008).

Evidential Value

Although the Penistone Paramount Cinema and adjoining buildings are not listed, the building is of significant importance to the area and local community. The following points highlight the evidential values of the Penistone Paramount Cinema, emphasizing its significance in terms of architecture, technology, social history, and urban development.

Historical Value

The Penistone Paramount Cinema, originally opened in 1914, showcases early 20th-century architectural design. Its preservation and maintenance offer valuable insights into the construction techniques and architectural styles of the period. The uninterrupted operation of the cinema since 1914 underscores its resilience and adaptability. This longevity provides a continuous historical record of entertainment and social habits in Penistone over the past century.

Aesthetic Value

The cinema retains many of its original features, including the façade, interior fittings, and Art Deco design elements from its 1929 renovation. These features provide physical evidence of the stylistic transitions in cinema architecture.

Communal/Social Value

Since its opening, the cinema has served as a focal point for community gatherings, reflecting the social history of Penistone. It provides a continuous narrative of local social practices and leisure activities. Archival records of events, films shown, and community activities hosted at the cinema contribute to an understanding of cultural trends and local history.

Heritage Impact Assessment

The proposed roof replacements provide an opportunity to remove the existing finish, which has low aesthetic value and replace it with an artificial welsh slate finish, which will reflect that of the original building. In addition to this, the renewal of the rainwater goods, will further enhance the appearance of the building and this can only be seen as having a positive impact on the heritage of this building and also the wider site. The removal of the existing roof cowls is considered to be of low historical and aesthetic significance and that the proposed roof finish outweighs any requirements to refurbish or retain the roof cowls.

Conclusion

Overall, we would suggest the proposal is justified and represents no harm to the heritage significance of the building and is therefore in accordance with local and national planning policy.

Appendix A – Listed Building Entries (Source www.historicengland.org.uk)

Church of St. John

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: I

List Entry Number: 1314709

Date first listed: 22-Jun-1965

List Entry Name: CHURCH OF ST JOHN

Statutory Address: CHURCH OF ST JOHN, MARKET PLACE

1 & 3 Market Street

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1314710

Date first listed: 22-Jun-1965

List Entry Name: 1 AND 3, MARKET STREET

Statutory Address: 1 AND 3, MARKET STREET

5 & 7 Market Street

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1286806

Date first listed: 26-Apr-1988

List Entry Name: 5 AND 7, MARKET STREET

Statutory Address: 5 AND 7, MARKET STREET

8 Market Street

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1151831

Date first listed: 26-Apr-1988

List Entry Name: 8, MARKET STREET

Statutory Address: 8, MARKET STREET

Midland Bank & Chambers

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1286793

Date first listed: 26-Apr-1988

List Entry Name: MIDLAND BANK AND BANK CHAMBERS

Statutory Address: MIDLAND BANK AND BANK CHAMBERS, ST MARY'S STREET

Appendix B – Photographs of Penistone Paramount and Town Hall Roof



Birdseye View



Close view of pitched roof covering Inc. ridge tiles



Typical roof cowl to be removed



Typical roof vent to be removed