HERITAGE STATEMENT REF: 04/33 DATE : MARCH 2018

PROJECT : 76 Church Street, Brierley, Barnsley S72 9JG,

Part demolition and erection of existing detached garage including erection of new retaning walls and alterations to ground levels.

BACK INFORMATION :-

Brierley is listed in the doomsday book held at the time of Edward the Confessor 1042 to 1066 and those who held the same lands in 1086. Brierley is listed as being held by Ernui 1042 to 1066, and by Alric in 1085. So it is safe to say that the village was established by the time of the Confessor 1042 but the village will be much older.

Brierley has the satellite suburb of Grimethorpe a Scandinavian settlement which places it earlier than the period of Danelaw 886 to 1042. Which makes pre 886 a more realistic period for the foundation of the village

At the time of Anglo-Saxon settlement the Angles formed the kingdom of Northumbria north of the river Humber and the Saxons formed the kingdom of Mercia south of the river Humber and one of the other Yorkshire rivers feeding into the Humber probably the Don or the Aire. The river Aire was central to the earlier Celtic kingdom of Elmet.

There were several battles between these kingdoms from 617 and 655 so the village of Brierley could have been established by that time in the border land between these kingdoms. As the village is on a very prominent hill top site it could have been occupied in Celtic period.

76 CHURCH STREET :-

76 church street was built alongside four other properties circa 1920 and can be seen in the Arial view provided. 76 church street was the last development to be completed around 1930. The original intention for the house is unknown but during recent renovations a 'Bell ringing system' was found in the wall cavities and loft, along with leaded gas pipes and disused sash window. This gave though that the property may have been of some importance and maybe linked to the coal mining industry, either of Brierley (mine shafts located on the rise) or with the industry at Grimethorpe.



The house has now been occupied by the current owners since April 2014 and has seen major refurbishment inside and out whilst maintain the houses character and visual impact on the conservation area. During these refurbishments the trees that were located in the front garden were cut back as they were deemed to have outstripped the site, and could not be maintained at the

current height. As per requirements of the authorities the trees were cut down to approx. 8ft and were assessed again for their suitability. Again permission was granted to take the trees down as they did not suit the aesthetics of the village. The stages of the renovation can be seen below, outlining how the current owners are committed to the aesthetics of the conservation area.



76 CHURCH ST WITH TREES 2014



76 CHURCH STWITH TREES REMOVED 2018

The property itself is built on an elevated sight with a steep garden to the side, this garden over the years has shown evidence of washing down the banking. Evidence of this is in existence as the path located at the top of the banking next to the house shows the original garden height, and how the soil has eroded some 4-6” since its construction.

THE PROPOSALS AT 76 CHURCH STREET :-

The proposed works are to include the erection of new garden retaining walls, lifting of garden levels, installation of gates to the existing driveway and partial demolition / new extension to existing garage as shown on proposal drawing ref no 04/33/02F.

The materials used in the proposed works will be of good quality including natural stone work to retaining walls and garage extension where visible from the main road.

It is proposed to retain the existing historic beech hedge and tree so the changes aesthetically to the front of the house from Church Street would be non-existent.

It is also proposed on completion of the development that Loral's are to be planted at the drive entrance to the house to soften the appearance of the new walls etc.

IMPACT TO THE CONSERVATION AREA

The proposed works are intended to tidy the entrance to no 76 church & provide additional security to no 76 and the houses that use the joint access.

The proposed works will not impact the conservation area but enhance the conservation area and the access drive etc to no 76 Church Street.

A meeting was held on site in March 2018 between Mr Tony Wiles (BMBC) and the applicant to discuss the proposal, The drawings that have been submitted with the application reflect items discussed and agreed on site with Mr Tony Wiles.