

HERITAGE STATEMENT

Refurbishment of dwelling houses including new doors, windows and partial
rebuild of external walls (Listed Building Consent)

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 Old Row
Elsecar
Barnsley
S74 8HP

On behalf of Berneslai Homes

NPS Barnsley Ltd

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Introduction

This is an application for Listed Buildings Consent and Planning Application for the refurbishment of Nrs 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 Old Row, Elsecar, Barnsley.

The external fabric shall have some minor stone repair as shown on the drawing and new timber windows fitted, plus the chimney breasts removed to Nrs 4 and 9 Old Row. The work is mainly focussed on refurbishing the external elevations and fitting new timber windows in order to make the buildings watertight. Internal alterations include new central heating, electrical rewire, kitchen and bathroom installations.

The proposed development lies within Elsecar Conservation Area designated in January 1974. The area is centred on Wath Road and Fitzwilliam Street. Wath Road provides the main north/south route through the conservation area.

Historical Background

Properties 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 Old Row were built around early C19 and are Grade II listed. The main buildings are in natural rubble sandstone, timber framed windows and C20 timber panelled doors in Heritage colours.

The buildings along Old Row are early C19 for the Fitzwilliam Estate, rubble sandstone, Welsh slate roofs, various C20 doors and brick ridge stacks. Design is possibly from the plan of workers housing drawn up by John Carr of York for the Fitzwilliam mining village.

Old Row appears to be built of local sandstone, which is also eroding. The roof is covered in replacement Welsh slate (originally stone slate). Old Row is of two-storey structure with a single bay to each cottage. Along the front elevation, there are paired doorways with vertical boarding. The windows are of wooden casements with glazing bars. Cills and lintels are modern replacement items with concrete and render. The associated boundary walls are capped with heavy half round coping stones. Old Row is a distinctive landmark fronting onto Elsecar Green in the centre of the village.

The Elsecar name is thought to derive from two words; the Old English personal name of Aelfsige and the Old Norse word Kjarr, meaning marsh or brushwood. Mention is made of an Aylsi Rode (clearing) in the Cartulary of Nostell Priory, 1259 – 66.

The original village of Elsecar developed along the valley from Elsecar Green around Milton Hall. It has no obvious centre and expanded along Wath Road as a simple street village. The later influence of the collieries and iron workings further influenced the layout of the Conservation Area today. This includes the buildings around the Workshops, Distillery Side and Elsecar Green itself.

The oldest houses in the Conservation Area are probably the low two-storey pair in the Market Place, of 18th Century date, followed by Old Row and Station Row on Wath Road. It is believed that John Carr, the noted York Architect, was responsible for 'Colliers Houses' on Old Row and Station Row. The twenty-eight cottages on Reform Row have a date of 1837.

The development of Elsecar is related to the fortunes of the owners of Wentworth Woodhouse. The 4th Earl (William Wentworth) succeeded Charles Watson-Wentworth in 1782. William carried on and extended the Marquis interest in Coal Mining and was responsible for building the Newcomen Engine, Old Row, Station Row and the Elsecar and Minton Ironworks. His son, Charles Wentworth Fitzwilliam (1786 – 1857), the 5th Earl Fitzwilliam, carried his father's philanthropy, building Reform Row, the Workshops, the Church, the Mill, the School and Miner's Lodging House.

Heritage Assets

Nrs 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 Old Row are Grade II listed due to their historical significance and are shown on the 1850 map.

The front and rear are built in local honey coloured rubble sandstone or significant local stone for Elsecar. The stone is soft and has in places eroded badly. There is evidence of softer bonding in the blocks and much differential weathering. The windows are timber framed with timber panelled doors.

APPENDIX A
PHOTOGRAPHS

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Photo 1

Gable Wall to Nr 1 Old Row



Photo 2

Front Elevation to Old Row
from Nr 1



Photo 3

Front Elevation of Nr 1 Old
Row at first floor



Photo 4

Front Elevation of Nrs 6 and 7
Old Row



Photo 5

Front elevation of Nr 5 Old
Row



Photo 6

Outhouse wall to be rebuilt
adjacent gable to Nr 1 Old
Row



Photo 7

Rear Elevation Nr 1 Old Row



Photo 8

Rear Elevation Nrs 3 and 4
Old Row



Photo 9

Gable Wall to Nr 15 Old Row