

4 PLANNING STATEMENT

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The proposed development is a suitable response to the site and its setting. Building 22 is a key component of the complex of buildings which formed Elsecar Central Workshops, an early and influential centralised workshop facility, the complex as a whole being a remarkable survival nationally which is of more than special interest. The heritage value of the building is at the forefront of the design and methods chosen for these works.

The need for the proposed works is to reinstate the heritage character of the brickworks around internal windows and enable a useable commercial space. The need for the temporary partition wall is commercial, to enable one large space to be sectioned into two areas to house two complementary businesses. The businesses are already successfully established on the Elsecar site (six and four years respectively), and the works will allow space for both businesses, owned by the same local family, to grow and provide further local employment opportunities.

The proposed development accords with Barnsley Local Plan vision, adopted in January 2019, by ***providing the space to allow existing businesses to grow, protecting and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment and respecting the cultural identity and local character of Barnsley.***

The proposed works have also taken into account sections 5.43 and 5.44 of the Spatial Strategy of the Barnsley Local Plan, by supporting the Heritage Action Zone, through ***maximising commercial use of historic assets and driving economic growth for Elsecar.***