

PROJECT OVERVIEW

5 FIELD HEAD MANOR
ELMHIRST LANE
SILKSTONE
BARNSELEY
S75 4LD
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Proposal to replace windows to rear elevation Pre-application discussion

Background Field Head Farm has a history dating back to medieval times. The existing building has some elements dating to the 15th century (P. Ryder 1980), but has been extensively altered on numerous occasions subsequently. The building and some of the adjoining outbuildings were listed in 1980 when the farm was in a run-down and derelict condition. It was acquired by a builder around 1984, and the range of buildings converted into houses.

Proposal The windows installed by the builder (stained softwood double glazed casement units) have now reached the end of their useful life, and over the next 2 years it is proposed to carry out a programme of replacement. During 2012, we would like to replace the windows to the more exposed rear (west) elevation (see picture 1).



Picture 1 Field Head Farmhouse rear elevation.

The gable on the left of Picture 1 is actually a farm worker's cottage built around 1860 attached to (and now incorporated into) the farmhouse. Prior to the 1985 renovation work, the windows to this cottage were sliding sash units of Victorian 4 pane construction, see Picture 2, an aerial photo taken around 1965.



Picture 2 Aerial photo of rear elevation taken around 1964.

The gable on the right of Picture 1 is actually the rear end of a timber-framed medieval hall, which was clad in stone around 1690. The stonework to this gable appears to have been rebuilt in the 18th century, at which time sliding sash windows were added to the first floor (see Picture 2). It is assumed the Victorian 4 pane units were replacements. They also show up clearly in Picture 3, which is a painting done earlier than the aerial photo.



Picture 3 Painting of rear elevation (probably 1950's)

There are two proposals

1. We would propose to replace the existing casements on the Victorian cottage with double glazed sliding sashes similar to that shown in Picture 4, with 30mm glazing bars, as recommended by Lander (House & Cottage Restoration, Hugh Lander 1999)



Picture 4 Proposed sash design

- 2 It is also proposed to replace the first floor units on the right-hand gable with matching sashes. If you examine the masonry below these windows in Picture 1, it can be seen that the opening has been reduced by the builder to accept the standard casements, and 2 additional courses of stonework added. Contrast Pictures 1 & 3. This makes for excessively high sills in the room on the first floor, and we would propose to reinstate the original openings, giving windows the same size as when the house was listed. The ground floor window on the RH gable also needs replacement, and we would propose horizontal Yorkshire sliding sashes with panes to match.

Materials of construction

It is proposed to use untreated European oak for the frames, as it will weather to blend in with the stonework. We would seek advice from yourselves regarding recommended glazing materials.

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