

THURNSCOE HALL
Boundary Wall and Fence

Heritage Statement

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Fig. 1 – South Elevation, from SE

1. Assessment of Significance

Thurnscoe Hall was originally constructed in the late 17th Century. It is a 3 storey ashlar sandstone building, with a moulded plinth and a stone slate roof. There is a 3 storey north wing, part rendered, with 2 smaller 2 storey duopitch roofed wings to the north east. These are later than the original hall to the south, and have been substantially re-built as part of the conversion to a residential care home in

1987-89. A refurbishment in 2017 has repaired some of the deteriorating stone facades and restored the roof and gutters.

It is set within approx. 1 acre of grounds, with lawns to the south and east and mature trees around the perimeter. The remains of a brick boundary wall are present on the north side, with more recent random stone gateposts and wrought iron gates. The boundary wall has been demolished on all other sides, with a mix of fencing and neighbouring outbuildings defining the boundary. The building is set behind the residential High Street, with a private driveway leading up to a parking area to the east of the building.

The West Yorkshire Historic Environment Record [WY HER ref: 964] includes a detailed description of the existing structure and is included in appendix 1.

The hall is grade II listed [NHL ref 1287037]

The Historic England National Heritage List description is as follows:

House. Said to be built between 1670-1701 (previous list description) for Thomas Shirecliffe. Ashlar sandstone, stone slate roof. Symmetrical front with double wing to rear left and lower block in angle with main range, another lower block attached to rear left of wing is of 2 storeys with half basement. Main range: 2 storeys and attic, 7 bays. Moulded plinth at sill level, chamfered quoins, moulded string courses above windows. Central Doric stone porch with plain frieze and pediment, now with glazed doors. Porch set in front of 2 rusticated pilasters which continue to 2nd-floor string where they are linked by a broken segmental pediment enclosing plaque with motto 'Famen Extendere Factis' and animal's-head crest of Thornaby Taylor, last lord of the manor (d.1926). 4-pane sashes in projecting bead-moulded surrounds to ground floor. Sashes with glazing bars to 1st floor, narrower 8-pane central window. Moulded stone eaves cornice. Moulded kneelers and ashlar gable copings. Shouldered ashlar end stack with band to left. To right of centre a similar stack, altered. Right return: ground-floor canted bay with French window, Venetian window above. Interior, mostly altered: interesting cast-iron fireplace to ground-floor left has eared architrave and decorative frieze. Ornate surround to Venetian window first-floor right.

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The 1854 map of the area shows Thurnscoe Hall set in its own grounds with ancillary buildings beyond the immediate site boundaries and surrounded by hedge bounded fields on all sides. The village of Thurnscoe lies to the north east. The footprint of the immediate garden appears unaltered since this map was created. The fields around the Hall have been infilled with housing in the 19th and 20th Centuries

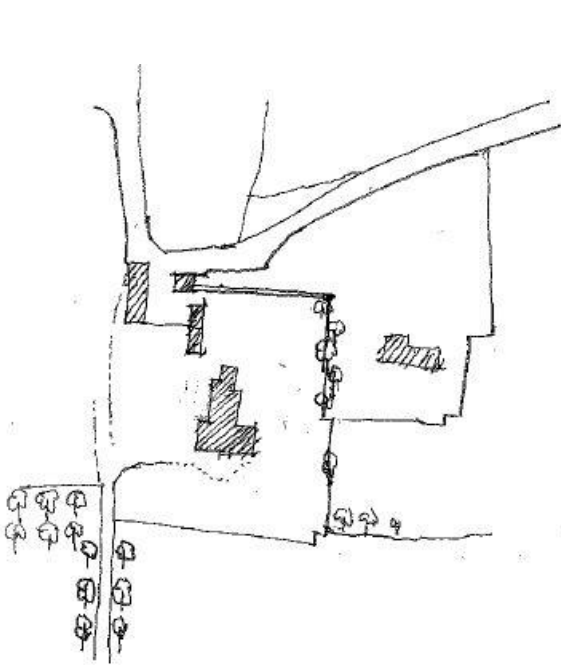


Fig. 2 1854 Plan – Open Fields to South

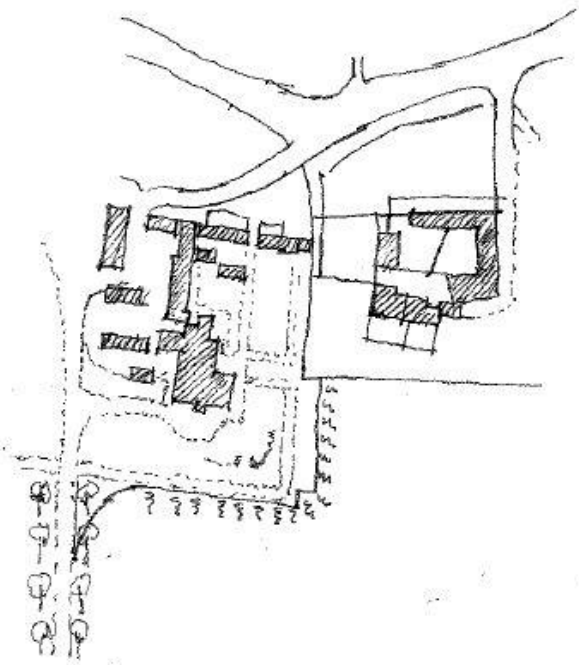


Fig. 3 1892 Plan – Wall to east. Garden Defined

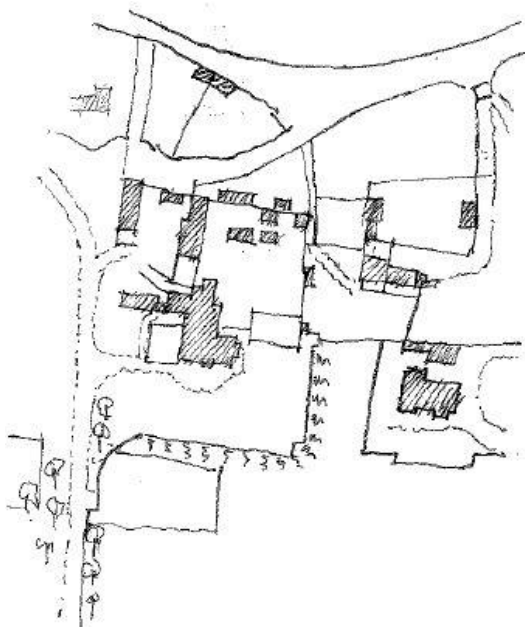


Fig. 4 1930 Plan – Building to East and North

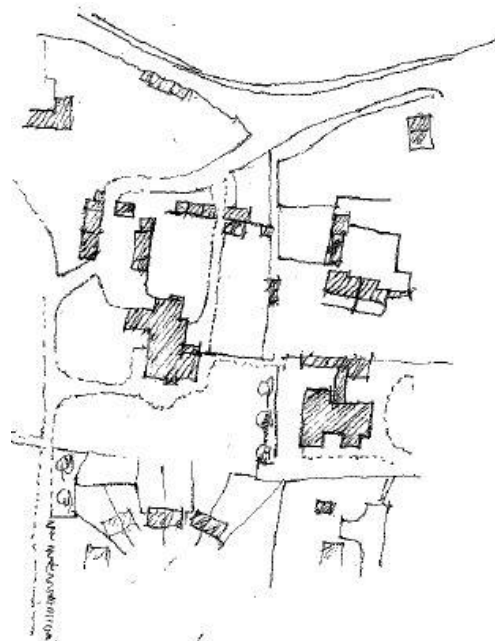


Fig. 5 1962 Plan – Development to south and east

The former boundary wall has been demolished on all sides with a mix of fencing and small outbuildings to the neighbouring dwellings defining the boundary generally

In 1987-89 the hall underwent significant refurbishment. The floors and roof structures were substantially replaced, new concrete staircases installed and a new liftwell inserted. The 3 storey north wing was re-built during this renovation, with rendered blockwork cavity walls above the retained stone 2 storey walls below. There have also been single storey extensions to the north and west following the conversion to a residential care home. A timber framed conservatory was added to the southern end of the west elevation in 1996. The external walls have been recently refurbished, with stone repairs and extensive repointing.



Fig. 6 – Fireplace, Ground floor, main hall

Very little of the original interior remains. There is a Victorian cast iron surround to the fireplace on the ground floor south side. Beneath the south west corner of the main hall is a cellar with vaulted ceiling, accessed by a curved stone stairwell. There is a 19th Century bay window on the east end with French windows. There is a venetian window over, with decorative timber mouldings internally.



Fig. 7 – Bay Window with venetian window over

New floor structure and boarding was inserted on all the upper floors during the conversion to a care home. The hall has recently been refurbished with new plasterboard ceilings throughout in lieu of the lay in grid ceilings installed during its time as a residential care home. In the north west wing the original first floor joists and some boarding and first floor ceiling joists have been retained.

Internal walls are a mix of random rubble sandstone walls with more recent brick and concrete blockwork infill, all with plaster finish. Internal partitions are plasterboard faced timber studwork, non loadbearing. Structural works to tie the walls were undertaken during the refurbishment. This includes steel channels to restrain the south elevation, and steel beams above the 3 storey north wing to tie the external walls.

The roofs to the original south hall, and the two storey wings to the north and north east are in stone slate with concrete angled ridge tiles. All other pitched roofs are in concrete slate; with flat roofs recently renewed in terne coated stainless steel. Lead valley gutters and flashings have been recently re-laid/renewed. The chimney stacks have been re-built in stone. Gutters and downpipes have been renewed in cast aluminium. The 2 storey wings to the north and north east have a moulded stone eaves gutter, recently re-dressed with lead. King post trusses and purlins have been retained in both areas, with modern rafters and roof level insulation above.

2. Areas Affected by the Proposal

West boundary wall:



Fig. 8 & Fig. 9 – West Boundary: Random rubble stone wall and stone piers; clay brickwork; pc copings.

The western boundary immediately adjacent to the Hall is currently formed from a combination of clay brickwork and random rubble masonry, with precast concrete copings. Both the stone walling and the brick walling are of relatively modern construction and of little or no historic interest.

Immediately to the north of this area is the newly constructed brickwork wall and piers which continues to form the remainder of the boundary to the west, north and east of Thurnscoe Hall. The proposal intends to continue this wall at a comparable height and in the same brickwork to complete the enclosure of the western boundary, up to the point of the stone walling at the upper external level.

West Boundary Fence:

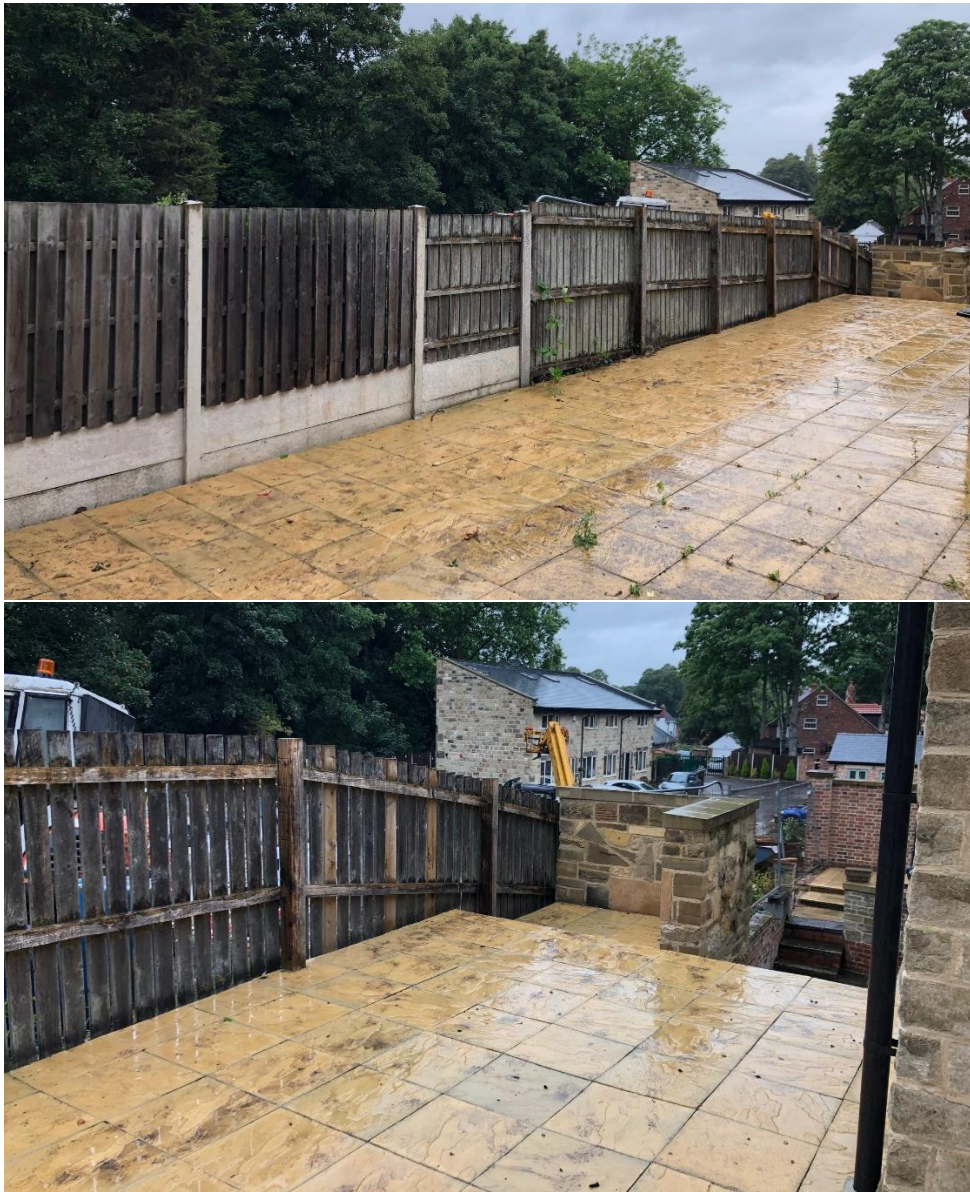


Fig. 10 & Fig. 11 – Existing timber fence to west boundary.

The existing close boarded timber fence to the western boundary follows the boundary line and adjoins the close boarded timber fence to the south and south-east boundaries. To the south, the fence is generally constructed of concrete posts and bottom rails, with timber fence panels which are boarded on both sides of the fence. The final 7 panels however are boarded only on one side, and change from concrete to timber posts, and the height of the fence begins to taper down, ahead of the external level change, to meet the level of the existing stone wall.

The proposal intends to unify this area of the boundary by replacing these panels with new concrete posts and bottom rails, and new timber fence panels boarded on both faces, at a height consistent with the retained fencing further south.

The new brickwork wall to the lower external level will step up from the existing pier at the north to the level of the existing stone wall, with an end pier slightly above this level to accommodate the height of the new fencing in a coherent manner.

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The existing stone pier and low brick wall to the west boundary would be demolished and re-built as the new brick wall with piers along the line of the existing boundary. This will maintain a consistent appearance along the existing boundary.

The newly constructed brick walls will be continued along the west boundary. This will re-affirm the former boundaries of the immediate grounds for the hall and provide continuity of detailing.

This would be the only portion of demolition in the scheme. The existing low boundary wall and stone pier are of relatively modern construction and their demolition would not result in significant harm to the setting of the listed building.



Fig 18 Brick wall adjacent house – new bricks, piers and cappings to match the recently constructed, new short section of wall

To the west boundary, further south of the new proposed wall, a new close boarded fence will be provided, with concrete base rail and posts (as the existing west boundary fencing), to replace the existing tapering fencing. This will provide a coherent appearance to the boundaries to the south of the house, and provide boundary treatment at a single consistent level.

4 Conclusion

The scheme will restore the boundaries to the former garden associated with Thurnscoe Hall. The brick will match in appearance the high quality clay stock bricks used elsewhere within the site. The fence line matches the existing fencing to the west boundary and will provide a more coherent appearance than the piecemeal fencing at multiple levels currently provided by the neighbours.

The proposals will not result in any significant harm to the listed building, and is considered to enhance the setting of the listed building by providing a considered approach to boundary treatment.

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