

Heritage Statement.

Ecklands Little Farm Barn, Liley Lane, Millhouse Green, Penistone. S36 9NG.

The barn is adjacent to Ecklands Cottage a Grade 11 Listed Building.

The original 'L' shaped stone barn was probably built in the late 17th./early 18th. century.

There are three King Post roof trusses supporting a stone slated roof.

There is a cat slide roof to the North West gable.

The South West elevation remains unaltered where there are three door openings with substantial stone surrounds.

There is a date stone over the central door (unreadable) and one first floor opening.

Later additions are a brick and corrugated sheeting extension to the North East elevation and a car port to the South West elevation.

Mr. Tony Wiles of Barnsley Conservation and Design has visited the barn with Mr. Paul Gunson – the applicant and the builder.

Mr Wiles is keen to keep the main roof trusses and has agreed with Mr. Gunson that to create a useable first floor to the barn, the trusses would require to be raised.

Mr. Gunson will be renovating the barn for his own use, and wishes to retain all the interesting and original features, while removing all the later unattractive additions.

The proposed extensions will be built in reclaimed stone to match the existing and all new roofs in stone slates.

The barn requires to be renovated as soon as possible – before there is any further deterioration to the historic elements.

The cost of renovation work is considerable, and can only be carried out if the barn conversion results in a property which serves the use of the owner, and retains the value of the amount invested.

From historic maps, the settlement of Ecklands has remained largely unchanged – most of the neighbouring properties have been renovated and the stone barns converted to dwellings.

The work proposed to the barn will retain the elements of historic interest.

The openings in the elevation opposite Ecklands Cottage will remain unaltered, and all the work will be carried out in keeping with the surrounding buildings.

It is considered that renovation of the barn will enhance and not detract from the setting of Ecklands Cottage.