

Heritage Statement

The building at 46c Manchester Rd forms part of the grade II listed building also known as “The Chandlers” which extends from 44 to 48 Manchester Rd. The front elevation is set back slightly from the main road and is 2 stories high, the rear elevation is 4 stories due to the gradient of the site on which it sits. The building was constructed in 1802 and was believed to have been originally an industrial property used in part as a candle factory. The building underwent changes in the early 20th century when it was converted to a Co-op shop. After the Co-op closed some time in the mid to late 20th century the building remained empty and empty falling into a bad state of repair until it was converted to flats during the late 1980's.

During this conversion to flats all of the external doors and windows to the building were replaced with modern timber replacements. The windows were of a double glazed “sash” design and constructed in timber then stained a uniform dark colour across 44 and 46 Manchester Rd, (48 Manchester Rd has different characteristics and is not included in this application).

This application proposes to replace the windows at the rear of 46c with hardwood, double glazed sash windows stained to a matching colour and as close a design to the existing windows as possible to preserve the traditional external look of the building.

The windows in this application have suffered over the 25+ years since they were installed due to them being on the 4th floor of the property so inaccessible for external close up inspection or repair. The frames of the windows have become weather damaged in places and no longer keep a good seal to the elements resulting in damp to the internal wall and strong drafts in winter. The double glazing element of the window has lost its air tight seal and has become fogged up inside resulting in early stages of mould growth within the “sealed” element of the glazing. The sash mechanism is damaged beyond repair and the windows have to be wedged open with a piece of wood to allow ventilation when needed which is not in keeping with the rest of the building.

The replacement of the windows is essential to prevent further deterioration to the fabric of the building and potential danger to the flats below from damp or loose parts of the frame and will provide stability to the fabric of the building for years to come.

Advice has been sought from the Conservation department at Barnsley Council to ensure correct materials and methods are used. The proposed use of hardwood, sash windows stained to a similar colour to the rest of the building will give a low maintenance solution to this essential repair. Care will be taken to ensure that windows are in keeping with the rest of the building and work will be carried out sympathetically and in line with the grade II listing on the building and the rest of the Thurlstone conservation area.