

Heritage Statement

Croft Cottage
Blackergreen Lane
Silkstone
Barnsley
S75 4NF

Planning Application no 2017/0705

Erection of a garden shed

Croft Cottage forms part of a development of 5 residential properties, converted from agricultural barns, via planning consent from Barnsley Council granted on 27 July 1989.

The original barns are believed to have been at this site since the mid 17th century and have a grade 2 listing.

The construction of the properties is stone with stone roof tiles.

Croft Cottage is a mid terrace barn conversion set in a courtyard off Blackergreen lane. To the rear there is a 30 meter length garden. Beyond the garden are fields laid to grass and grazed by cows from a local farm in the summer months.

A public bridle way passes across the field.

The property is situated in the village of Silkstone, approximately 3 miles west of Barnsley, next to the A628 which runs from Barnsley to Manchester. The Parish borders the Trans-Pennine trail and has successfully changed in character from A hardworking pit village, to a desirable place to live.

The surrounding green belt provides habitat for an abundance of wildflower and animals. Any green spaces are potentially a valuable oases for wildlife and everyday contact with nature is important for well being and quality of life.

The garden of Croft cottage was an empty space, approximately 30 meters in length and 10 meters wide, with a twisted willow tree to the right side and various shrubs and bushes to line the patrician fencing.

We are looking to develop the garden and have planted pear/ apple and cherry trees and repaired the boundary fence. We are looking to develop a wildflower garden area, and plant further bushes and flowering plants.

We are applying to have a garden shed in the bottom left hand corner of the garden, some 30 meters from the cottage. This will be used to store the gardening equipment essential for use as the garden matures.

The shed will be approximately 6ft long and 4ft wide and a maximum of 7ft high. It will be constructed of overlap timber boarding and shed roof felt.

It will not have a significant impact on the environment as there are already 2 sheds and a large greenhouse in the gardens of two of the residences in the barn complex which have blended in well with the surrounding area.

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