

## **Heritage Statement**

The building at 130 Wath Road of the southernmost end of the listed terrace known as Reform Row. The building is listed at grade II (2) (listing enclosed) and is significant due to its age, as well as its historic and characteristic contribution to the street scene (along Wath Road). The terrace forms part of the Victorian industrial hamlet of Elsecar village clustered around the former Fitzwilliam workshops (now the heritage centre). As well as the individual contribution the terrace makes there is also a strong group value with other buildings of a similar age and style elsewhere in the conservation area. As is common with a number of buildings in Elsecar, the front and rear external walls of the above property are in need of repair owing to the weathering of some of the existing stonework. Some of the more badly weathered stones are in need of replacement whilst others will not need to be replaced. The enclosed photographs of the walls indicate the areas which are more weathered. The whole of the stonework will then be repointed with a lime mortar mix which has been agreed with Tony Wiles.

Some of the damage to the stonework has been caused by water leaking from the rotten rainwater guttering. It is vital that this is repaired or replaced to prevent further damage and that timber box guttering is used to match the rest of the row and keep the traditional look of the building intact.

The existing timber single glazed windows are all badly rotten and require replacement in order to make the dwelling habitable and maintain a level of security. The existing windows are of a traditional sliding mechanism and will be replaced with similar timber single glazed units which will have side openers rather than the sliding mechanism. One panel will however be recessed in order to keep the appearance similar to that of the sliding windows and maintain the traditional and historic appearance of the building.

The front door to the property will also be replaced as it is badly rotten. The existing door is of solid timber construction and will be replaced like for like ledged and braced timber door to match the rest of the row.

Advice has been sought from Tony Wiles the conservation officer at Barnsley Council to ensure that the correct materials and methods are used and all works to the building will be carried out sympathetically and in line with the grade II listing of the building. Care will be taken to ensure that the building is in keeping with the rest of the row and indeed the whole conservation area in Elsecar village whilst repairing and restoring it into a habitable condition.