

Design and Access Statement

For

Proposed Replacement Windows

At

5 Chapel Row, Georgetown, Merthyr Tydfil, Cf48 1BN

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1. Introduction

This statement has been prepared in support of a listed building consent application to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council for permission to replace the existing timber sliding sash windows with new on a like for like basis.

The property is a Grade II listed building and is an end of terrace cottage.

It is proposed to replace the windows on a 'like for like' basis as deemed necessary to ensure the long-term protection of the building and to restore and enhance its appearance to improve the contribution the property makes to its setting and improving its significance in the overall street scene.



Photo 1 – 5 Chapel Row outlined in Red – Google Maps

2. The Property

The site is in the Georgetown area of Merthyr Tydfil. The house known as no.5 Church Row and is an end of terrace property constructed of stone walls under a slate roof with timber sliding sash windows.

CADW reference number 11413

History - Octagonal chapel opened 1805, converted to Storehouse by 1836 Survey Plan; row of houses added ca 1825.

Exterior - 2 storey terraced row with taller remains of polygonal structure at N end. Uniform rubble frontage with some rough dressings; continuous slate roof, hipped to S end, brick stacks. 2-window fronts (wider at S end), cemented reveals under voussoir lintels (painted to No 1), modern small-pane sash windows. Central 6-panel doors (offset to No 5). Low walled forecourts with plain cappings link to splayed outer wall of former chapel/warehouse forward on left; pale quoins and round-arched window openings. To W of Chapel Row is a reconstructed section of canal with ironwork frame of the (relocated) Rhydycar Iron Bridge.

Reason for Designation

No 4 Chapel Row is celebrated as birthplace in 1841 of the famous composer Joseph Parry.



Photo 2 – front elevation

With regard to evidential value, from the exterior, the building appears to retain much of the original layout of the stone walls under a slate roof, (Photo 2) although there is a modern extension to the rear elevation with smooth-rendered walls but retaining the slate roof.

3. The Design Proposal

On initial inspection the windows appear in fair order. However closer examination reveals that all are suffering varying degrees of rot and have been repaired/painted over previously. See Photo 3 below – specifically the first floor window. This application seeks consent to replace the existing sash windows on a like for like basis.



Photo 3 – Windows – First floor window in poor condition

4. Conclusion

It is considered that overall, the development preserves the listed building character and improves the contribution made by the building to this area of Merthyr Tydfil.