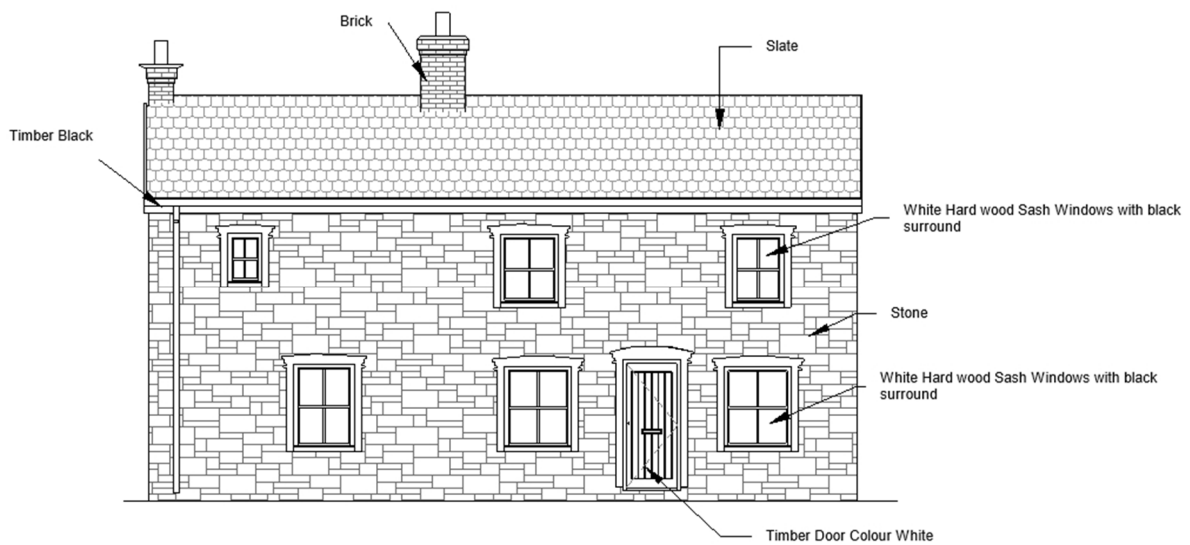


Heritage Impact Statement

Application for listed building consent at
2 Quay Row, Abercanid, Merthyr Tydfil.

CF48 1PY



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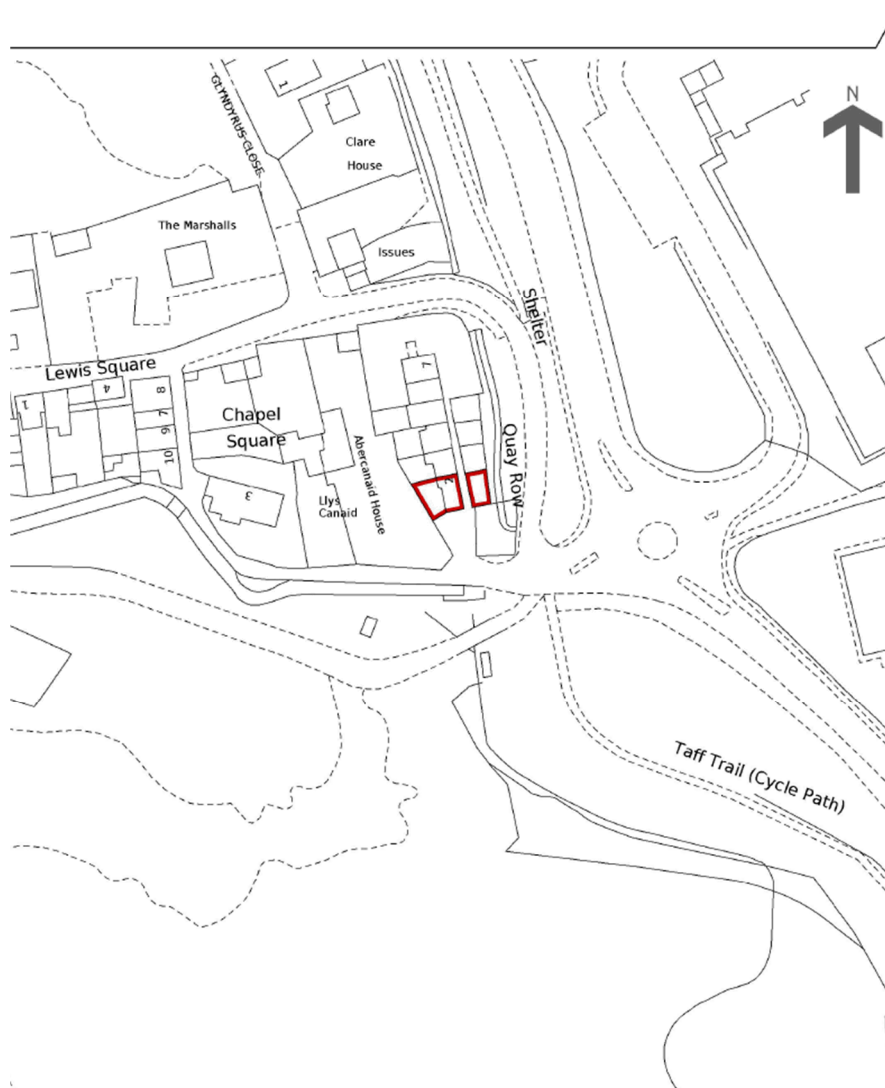
- A summary of proposed work
- Significance of the proposed work
- Potential impact of proposed work

This application is supported by a site location plan as well as existing and proposed elevation drawings.

This heritage statement has been prepared to accompany an application for listed building consent at 2 Quay Row, Abercanaid, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1PY.

Site location plan and description

2 Quay Row, Abercanaid, Merthyr CF48 1YP
Scale 1:1250 @ A4



The property lies within a residential terraced street situated in Upper Abercanid alongside the Glamorganshire Canal and a historical busy industry. The property is the first in the row of seven houses. It is believed that the terrace was built between 1800 – 1830. Five of the seven terraced properties are listed Grade 11.

The original windows were replaced during late 1970's to soft wood sash windows from C20 Aluminium glazing. The soft wood windows in place now are in very poor condition this proposal is aimed at rectifying this issue.

The proposal aims to replace the current windows and front and rear door to provide the property with adequate modern windows/doors while fully respecting the buildings heritage value both as an individual dwelling and within the terrace.

It is proposed to replace all current soft wood windows with a period compliant hard wood sash window with incorporated double-glazing units. The stucco surrounds to the windows at the front elevation and door surround keystone will be retained and repair as necessary.

Heritage significance

In the past 200 years Quay Row has seen big changes. The industry surrounding the terrace has now gone and the busy Glamorganshire canal is now an overgrown stream. The houses remain.

In more recent years the houses have seen many changes both before and after initial listing in 1975. No 6 and 7 have now been changed and redeveloped as one property thus increasing the property size by double to original footprint. The roofline has also been raised and non-traditional windows have been put in place. It is also worth considering the addition of a new road to access Chapel Square which has created private access to this property from the North side. Therefore, the old traditional shared path at the front of the properties now ends at no 5 in the terrace. The remainder of this path has been incorporated into the garden of no 6/7.

The listing report refer to the reason for the listing is that the Terrace being “one of the best surviving groups of early industrial workers housing” this has already been compromised as only part of the group remains. This may impact the heritage value as a whole and must result in a less strict attitude in assessing minor modifications as part of the upgrading of the remaining properties.

Considering the aspects of Quay Row, it is clear that there is significant diversity in the style of the windows within the terrace. This has a mixture of both UPVC modern wood and traditional sash. No 2 currently has a mixture of wooden box sash and no sash windows all in poor condition. No 3 has new matched wooden box sash and no 4 has non sash windows with a mixture of patterns and styles. The original windows in number 2 were replaced around 1970’s, thus the original windows protected by the Grade 11 listing are no longer in place.

Impact of the proposal

It is not envisaged that there will be any negative results on the asset from this proposal. The general upgrading here envisaged will increase the sustainability of the asset – “preserving the building” in the words of Planning Policy Wales, making it more attractive as a residence. It is felt that this work will have a positive impact on the general appearance of the row as well as the property individually. The design of the proposed new windows will be sympathetic to the heritage of the property. At present the current soft wood sash windows are in poor condition and would benefit from replacement.

In conclusion, it is felt that this proposal here is a modest one and aligns with the principles laid down in Planning Policy Wales, that will enhance rather than distract from the position of No. 2 Quay Row as an element in a listed row of cottages of historic and architectural interest. It is hoped that, as a result, Listed Building Consent to these proposals will be confirmed.