## **North York Moors National Park Authority**

District/Borough: Scarborough Borough Council

(North)

Parish: Fylingdales

Application No. NYM/2018/0233/LB

Proposal: Listed Building consent for internal alterations and external refurbishment

works including installation of replacement timber windows and doors

and rebuilding of boundary wall

**Location: York House** 

King Street

**Robin Hoods Bay** 

Decision Date: 20 June 2018

**Consultations** 

**Parish** – The parish council supports the application, but have concerns that the character of the building is not compromised.

Site Notice Expiry Date - 1 June 2018

Others -

## **Director of Planning's Recommendation**

Approval subject to the following condition(s):

1.	TIME02	The development hereby permitted s		before the expiration of		
2.	three years from the date of this permission.  PLAN01 The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out oth accordance with the following documents:					
		Document Description	Document No.	Date Received		
		Proposed Ground Floor Plans	193/10a	5 June 2018		
		Proposed First Floor & Second Floor Plans	193/11a	5 June 2018		
		Proposed Elevations I	193/12a	20 June 2018		
		Proposed Side (East) Elevation	193/13a	5 June 2018		
		Proposed Kitchen Window Frame	193/14a	5 June 2018		
		Proposed Second Floor Stairwell	193/15	16 April 2018		
		Proposed Second Floor Stairwell Partition Sections	193/16	16 April 2018		
		Proposed External Door	193/17	16 April 2018		
		Proposed Details	193/18	16 April 2018		

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3.	GACS00	No works shall take place to the exterior of the building until a structural report
		including details and specification for the proposed structural works and masonry
		replacement noted on the drawings hereby approved has been submitted for the
		written approval of the LPA. Thereafter the works shall be carried out in strict
		accordance with the details approved unless any minor variation is agreed in
		writing with the LPA.

## Reason for Condition(s)

1.	TIME02	The development hereby permitted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
2.	PLAN01	For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the details of the development comply with the provisions of NYM Core Policy A and NYM Development Policy 3, which seek to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the NYM National Park.
3.	GACS05	In order to comply with the provisions of NYM Core Policy A and NYM Development Policy 3 which seek to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the National Park and ensure that new development is of a high quality and respects the character of the locality.

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### Background

The application relates to York House, a Grade II Listed Building located on Kings Street within Robin Hoods Bay Conservation Area. York House dates from c.1840 and is constructed of stone with a slate roof.

This application seeks listed building consent for internal alterations and external refurbishment works including the replacement of external doors and window frames and the rebuilding of the boundary wall.

#### Main Issues

The main issue in relation to this planning application is the impact the proposed development will have on the Listed Building.

Development Policy 5 of the Core Strategy and Development Policies Development only permits extensions or changes of use of a Listed Building, or the construction of any structure within its curtilage where such development will not have an unacceptable impact on the special historic or architectural interest, or the setting of the listed building.

Our Building Conservation Officer has been consulted on this application and their comments are summarised below.

It is our opinion that even though the listing states the property dates from c.1840, the property is likely to display parts dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is thought that the front gable is characteristic of an earlier building form, and the masonry on the King Street elevation looks like it incorporates an earlier narrower gable. The window surrounds to the first floor are particularly characteristic of late 17<sup>th</sup>/early 18<sup>th</sup> century moulded window surrounds. It's evident that the face of the masonry has been damaged by historic rendering and subsequent render removal, but nevertheless its irregular character and evidence of historic arrangement and mouldings is important to the legibility of the building. Hence, the existing masonry should be retained wherever possible, unless it is clearly the product of poor quality modern workmanship.

In respect of the external boundary wall, the applicant proposes to take down the wall to deck level, and rebuild it in natural stone to a minimum of 215mm thick as it is believed the existing thickness of the wall is not adequate for such an exposed area. No objections have been raised to these works, but it is recommended that the existing stone is reused with new reclaimed stone to match, and that it comprises traditional double skin construction rather than render being applied to the internal face.

The kitchen window design is acceptable, but sections are considered to be oversized therefore amendments are sought.

The front door is a historic 19<sup>th</sup> century panelled door, the top half altered in the later 20<sup>th</sup> century to accommodate four glazed panes. It is therefore considered that any replacement

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should precisely replicate the proportions, sections, mouldings and construction of the existing. Furthermore, the existing historic door furniture should be transferred to the replacement door.

The replacement of the front first floor lintel window masonry would not be supported as it is considered to be a historic feature. It is therefore requested that the lintels should instead be supported in situ by discreet steelwork. The existing sills however are not considered to be part of the historic window surround and therefore no objections have been raised to their replacement with continuous sills.

The front second floor window sills appear to be historic and their replacements would not be supported. It is therefore requested that the existing windows are repaired instead.

In light of these comments, amendments were received reflecting the traditional construction of the boundary wall, lead weight balanced sashes and retention of the historic door furniture requested. With the amendments detailed above, it is not considered that the proposal will harm the historic character of the listed building and therefore approval is recommended.

# Explanation of how the Authority has Worked Positively with the Applicant/Agent

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively in determining this application by assessing the scheme against the Development Plan and other material considerations and subsequently granting planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

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