

Heritage Statement

Stormville, Littlewood Terrace, Robin Hood's Bay

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Heritage Significance

Stormville is a Grade II listed building (list description below for information) located within the bounds of Robin Hood's Bay Conservation Area. It is a residential dwelling believed to be of early eighteenth century origin and refaced in the early 19th century. It is constructed of coursed, roughly dressed sandstone under a pantile roof and represents a form of vernacular building that is synonymous with the old town of Robin Hood's Bay. The significance of the building as defined by Historic England's Conservation Principles lies within the combination of the building's historical illustrative value, its aesthetic value; both designed and fortuitous, and its evidential value.

NZ 9504 FYLINGDALES FISHER HEAD, Robin Hood's Bay (south side) 19/77 6.10.69. Chiltern and Stormville GV II House of early C19 appearance, possibly early C18 core, now two dwellings. Roughly-tooled coursed sandstone, Chiltern now covered in incised rendering. Pantiled roofs with stone coping and kneelers, brick and rendered stacks. 2 storeys, attic and basement, 1 wide bay each. 4 shared steps up to paired 4-panel doors in centre. Chiltern, at right, has 3-light stone-mullioned basement window and late C19 ground-floor canted oriel with cornice and lead roof; later C19 first-floor sash with side margins and projecting cill. Stormville has heavy old door lintel with name on inserted stone plaque above. Left of door a small pent extension has a boarded door in its left return; basement window to left, a renewed horizontal sash. Small casements on ground and first floors. Coved eaves. Both houses have circa 1900 dormers with paired sashes and deep bracketed soffit. Right end brick chimney; left end coping on kneelers, rendered chimney. Left return shows boarded basement door, modern ground-floor windows and early C19 attic sash. Entrance to Rothwell Cottage (q.v.) in rear wall of Chiltern.

Stormville terminates the south east end of Fisherhead and backs onto Littlewood Terrace which runs perpendicular to Fisherhead. The stand pipe is located adjacent the rear elevation and the proposed sign would be attached to the lower section of this elevation.

Assessment of Impact

Impact on the special architectural and historic interest of the listed building

The scale of the proposed plaque is similar to that of the adjacent ventilation grille. It will be located at low level on the rear, subservient elevation. This is an organic elevation with no designed symmetry or architectural features that the plaque could visually compete with or undermine. All the values outlined above would be conserved by the work. A very low level of harm may occur to the building's designed aesthetic value but it is felt that this harm will be offset by the public benefit that will ensue from having the history of the stand pipe explained.

Impact on character and appearance of the Conservation Area