

HERITAGE STATEMENT

"The Haven" Washhouse in Chapel Street, Robin Hoods Bay
G&D Wearmouth

The Local Planning Authority for Robin Hoods Bay should consider whether the exercise of a permitted development right undermines the aims for the historic Robin Hoods Bay environment. In making that decision the Authority should pay particular attention to the degree to which the original WashHouse buildings (the damp infested empty room, the ex Sauna room together with leaking roofs) had found themselves in by 2005 including the potential to disintegrate altogether and fall into the beck below. The authorised development in 2006, undertaken at significant cost to the current owners, contributed enormously to the continued sustainability of the Washhouse building and a sense of place in Chapel Street and Robin Hoods Bay generally.

The current owners have no relevant historic environment or other records to consult on the importance or non-importance of the existing property.

The changes to the two windows described in the DESIGN STATEMENT make no negative impact on this heritage asset. To the contrary the new windows provide a more traditional window design than has been the case with the current rotting windows.

Overall the installation of two new windows

- does not materially harm the significance of the heritage asset or its setting
- will secure the longer term future of the heritage asset

In addition the new windows will mitigate the effects of climate change with the double glazing enhancing energy efficiency.

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