

**PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO LISTED BUILDING BUILDING KNOWN AS  
LOWDALE HALL SLEIGHTS NR. WHITBY NORTH YORKSHIRE**

**HERITAGE STATEMENT**

This building concerned is a small country house built in mid 18th century but with later 20<sup>th</sup> century alterations. It comprises hammered sandstone external finish with ashlar quoins and dressings and slate appearance roof. The main block is 2 storey with a frontage comprising a symmetrical arrangement of full height windows and a central Tuscan porch. The windows to the ground floor are approached by 2 stone steps.

These features will all be retained with the proposed alterations.

The side elevations and rear elevations of the building have been considerably altered over the years and 20th century alterations include a conservatory some flat roofed extensions and new windows. Many of the external alterations result from the conversion of the house into 2 dwellings in the 1960's which resulted in considerable internal re-arrangement. It is considered that many of these alterations both internal and external do not enhance the appearance of the building and are unsympathetic in scale and character. As openings have been made in external walls and the extensions are considerable it is difficult and impractical to totally reinstate the original appearance but the proposed alterations which will include particularly replacement of windows and doors will be more sympathetic to the existing original building and will enhance its appearance.

In addition the intention is to convert the building back to its original use as a single dwelling. This means that features such as arbitrary positioned dividing partition walls and additional staircases which alter considerably the character of the internal space can be removed and as a result more of the original character will be apparent.

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