

HERITAGE STATEMENT FOR REPLACING WINDOWS AT CLITHEROE MOSQUE

Introduction

Historical

The building, at 93-97 Lowergate, Clitheroe BB7 1AG, was built in 1884. It is currently being used as a place of Worship (Mosque) and a part-time, religious school (Madrasah) for children. It was originally purpose-built as a place of Worship (Methodist church). It was modified to be used as a business premises. In 2006, it was granted planning permission to be used, again, as a place of Worship (Mosque). The building is in a Conservation Area.

The south-facing front of the building was painted by L S Lowry and is on display in The Lowry Performing Arts Theatre, Salford.

Submission of Planning Permission Application (PPA)

The Medina Partnership (TMP) is a registered Charitable Trust (Registration Number: 1120075) which manages Clitheroe Mosque.

The condition and integrity of the original, forty-five windows in the building are not very good and need replacing. These windows are wooden and fitted with single-glazed glass panels. TMP would like to submit a planning permission application to replace twenty-three windows in a two-phase operation owing to the high cost of the replacement windows and the limited funds available.

The aim in the first phase is to replace the wooden windows with similar specifications but fitted with double glazing units instead of the current, single-glazed panels. The double glazing is to prevent/reduce heat loss from the building, a major consideration faced with high energy costs. In discussions with the manufacturer of the replacement, wooden windows, they've advised that all their windows will match, the current windows, as closely as possible, so as not to detract from the Architectural appearance of the building. Specifications of the windows will be included with the PPA.

The large car park on site is divided into two sections. The larger section, accessed via Bayley Ford, will be used to accommodate skips used for the collection, safe storage, removal and disposal of recyclable waste by a certified waste removal company. This car park is private and the gates are normally locked, hence it's not open to the public. The delivery and removal of skips will be planned to minimise the environmental impact (noise and nuisance) to the neighbours.