

POLICY SWES4 PROTECTING LOCAL NON-DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSETS

Introduction

These buildings/assets have been included in the NDP based on work in the Conservation Area Assessments, comments received from local residents at the public consultation, feedback from members of the Silsden Local History Group and a walkabout exercise conducted by Cllr [REDACTED] Whitaker and Cllr [REDACTED] O' Dwyer which included comments from those living in or near the said buildings.

In addition, all the properties and routes mentioned are included in documented research and historic maps held by the Silsden Local History Group. They are recognised as being buildings of great local historic interest and it is felt that whilst they may not be listed they are incredibly important to Silsden's local heritage.

Please note the NHP refers to Silsden Local History Group as the Civic Society and must therefore be amended.

Separately, one resident did object to be included in our 'new' list. This was an owner of one of the cottages by The Beck in St. John's Street (nos. 58-61). This was removed from the NDP.

Individual Sites

Silsden

58 - 61 St John's Street - shown on 1845 / 48 map of Silsden is the old track lane from Steeton to Addingham. Called Sykes Lane

27 North Street - on the old Sykes Lane Road. Track from Steeton to Addingham. Stable for horses at rear. Two former laithe houses on border of conservation area

15 Chapel Street - previously built and used as primitive Methodist Chapel on the old coach road to Addingham.

10 - 16 Briggate - exhibits blocked up first floor small door for taking in (hand woven cloth pieces). Reminders of the importance of the land loom weaving industry in Silsden.

2 - 6 Briggate - on the site of the Conservative Club Association at the road end 1899 / 1901 the date on the building / Yorkshire Penny Bank on the first ground floor 1950 – 60.

7 – 9 Briggate - on the old road to Addingham there was also a Blacksmiths Forge in Briggate in 1901 - 10 Census. Number 7 on the corner was a

butcher's shop. John Lund born 1847 ran a butcher's shop in 1890's. In 1924 electrical and radio engineer. 1953 – 54 was known as Dick Ashton's electrician. In 1960 BBC1 and BBC2 transmissions were transmitted from this address by Aerial Relay from the premises which was 1p a week.

The First Mechanics Institute in 1883 later was called Silsden Town Hall. In 1894 it cost £2,000.

Airedale Sheds Textile Weaving Mill's old part is still standing facing Nicholson Place old houses on the right.

Silsden Methodist Church has been moved around three or four times.

74 Keighley Road is the Cooperative building part design of Art Deco building three storey entrance door at angle to corner which is set back

1 - 3 St John's Street was also the Cooperative building on the corner of Old Drovers Road from Sykes Lane and Steeton is art deco design

Cornmill house Keighley Road - The old Cornmill is the earliest record of the water powered Cornmill. It was granted by Cecilia De Romille of Skipton Castle to the Prior and Canons of Embsay in 1122. The mill pond is fed by water from Silsden beck at the crossing at the top of St John's Street by a controlled windup lift up shutter and fed underground to the mill dam. Houses have now been built on the mill dam. During the Second World War an air raid shelter was built on to the side of the bottom entrance shown in old photos of Silsden. Shelter now removed.

Cat steps - at the back of Stirling Street clog irons were made in small outbuilding at the bottom of the Cat Steps. Cat Ole shown on old maps 1848 Silsden map and earlier.

Drovers route by ford see Cornmill old track / route / Cecilia De Romille 1122. Sykes Lane see para number 1 St John's Street is a main road in to Silsden of its time. From Steeton to cross the river on to bottom of Sykes Lane. If you could see the tufts of grass in the river you were able to cross, if not horse and cart had to go to Kildwick bridge and cross by the old roman bridge up Priest Bank in to Silsden by the top track.

The Library - building now converted to houses.

Wesley Place - was the original Methodist Chapel, non-conformist, designed in 1870's and is now the local Catholic Church with an impressive tower / steeple.

High Bank House - on the canal side and near the Old Boat Yard using old swing crane hand cranked is still used as a boat yard for Silsden Boats.

Old Cinema - now converted to houses was first used as Silsden first bus garage which caught fire and was then changed to Silsden Pictures.

The School on Elliott Street 1877 - now known as Aire View School replaced Bolton Road School.

Hothfield Street School - open 1914 to replace Bolton Road School for children over 10 years old.

Steeton with Eastburn

Barrows House, 16, Barrows Lane - a modest 3-bay detached early 19th century mill manager/owner's house. It has a tall stair window set in its rear elevation facing the lane with a 20-paned sash set under the stairs to its elevated back door. It has a wide and windowless north gable, which together with its tall stone boundary wall creates a solid line along the street edge.

1, and 3 Hill Top, off High Street - 1 and 3 Hill Top are set gable-end onto the road on a slightly elevated piece of land and face southeast up the steep hill. Built in the early 19th century, the cottages add much character to the streetscape, due to their unusual juxtaposition with the road and are therefore identified as being a key unlisted building

The Goats Head Pub, Keighley Road - its unusual name taken from the heraldic crest of the Garforth family, important local landowners who lived at Steeton Hall for many years. The public house is an interesting building, having quoined angles and gable stacks with integral canted bay windows that front onto the turnpike road. It was probably built in the mid-18th century as a farmhouse that became an inn during the early 19th century following the rerouting of the turnpike road from its original route along High Street. It is identified as being a key unlisted building in the conservation area. To the rear of The Goat's Head public house is a long rear range and barn with a segmental-arched cart-entry, a reminder of its days as a coaching-inn. It has margin-dressed voussoirs and retains a plank door, though the main body of the barn has been discretely converted for domestic use.

27, Station Road - early-19th century terrace that runs off at an angle to the road. the row follows the original route of the road from Steeton to Silsden, prior to the construction of the station. 22 -25 are the second, later part of the row to be developed, and are fenestrated, each having a stone-framed door case to the left of a square stone-framed window with two smaller windows above.

As the terrace runs away from the road, the gardens to the front correspondingly increase in size. The gardens are bound by a low stone wall topped with curved stones aligned to the road, which widens sufficiently to allow room for a small three-bay late 19th century house (27 Station Road) to be set between the terrace and the road, its attractive frontage facing southwards towards the road junction. Its central doorway has an arched fanlight with raised impost and keystone. The roadside gable has retained its original six-paned sashes that have unusual arched heads.

The building retains many original features and makes a positive addition to the streetscape; it is therefore identified as being a key unlisted building in the conservation area.

Croft House, Mill Lane - A dwelling that appeared on the Ordnance Survey map of 1852. The house was built gable end onto Mill Lane, facing south across High Street. Stone built, it has a continuous plat band across the façade and a square ashlar stone porch with an arched doorway and window heads with expressed impost and keystones. The building retains its timber sash windows that complement the age and character of the building, increasing its historical interest. A high stone wall with curved copingstones surrounds the garden. Croft House is a key unlisted building within the conservation area.

2 Elmsley Street - At its junction with Skipton Road is 2 Elmsley Street, a large and stylish Edwardian building with a red tiled roof, and a Venetian window in its prominent gable that has a ball finial crowning its apex. This building makes a more than average contribution to the variety and interest of the streetscene and therefore is considered to be a key unlisted building in the conservation area. To the front of the building is a hard surfaced yard surrounded by a stone wall topped with iron railings. It has had many uses over the years, starting out as a mechanics institute, library, carpet shop and now apartments.

Holmes House and attached barn, St. Stephen's Road - a laithe house of c. 1800 with a segmental arched barn attached to the left of the main body of the house. The house itself has a symmetrical arrangement of tripartite windows to either side of its central door which is topped by a triangular pediment. The house is set back behind a stone wall with round top-stones backed by a neatly trimmed beech hedge.

Woodlands, Summerhill Lane/Station Road, Steeton- First appears on the 1891 O.S. map. It is a typical Victorian villa set behind substantial stone walls. It has retained its timber sash windows, some of which contain stained glass upper lights. Woodlands is particularly prominent, being located on the corner of Station Road and Summerhill Lane and consequently is identified as being a key unlisted building.

Poplars Lodge, Summerhill Lane - A building displaying Vernacular Revival architecture that mimics a traditional style of house building, often resulting in a property that seems older than it really is.

Oakfield Lodge, Summerhill Lane - a dignified and interesting house set behind solid stone walls and gate piers and built in a Vernacular Revival-influenced style and is another key unlisted building in the conservation area.

Bridge over Steeton Beck in Redding Wood - A substantial stone built bridge over Steeton Beck forming access from Barrows lane to the agricultural land at the other side of Steeton Beck as it runs through Charnock/Redding Wood.

Iain Cunningham

From: [REDACTED] Mullen [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 September 2020 11:28
To: Iain Cunningham
Subject: answers to examiners questions

Hi Iain.

Please find attached answers to questions raised by the examiner.

1: Hospital Sports Ground.

This is a strange one to answer. There are two Managing Directors for Airedale Hospital, covering different areas. One thinks that the Sports Ground should be retained by the Hospital as it is used as the landing area for the Emergency Helicopter. Whilst the other Managing Director wants the area removing as Recreation Facilities because he wants to be able to offer the land for sale for Housing.

The area of the sports field is bounded to the South and West by the Ancient Trackway, which are two of the last three in situ lengths in the Parish.

If this land is allowed to be delisted as Recreation Land and Relisted as Housing Land . It will have a significant impact on the ancient trackway, which in all probability will end up being destroyed.

2: Airedale Garden Mews.

This was initially listed Village Green Space , and must remain as such. As in saved RUDP policy OS7

3: SWES 12 Steeton with Eastburn Local Centres and Local Shops

Both Steeton and Eastburn are separate villages which have distinct centres for shops. They are not linked. But are a linked Civil Parish.

Regards

Cllr [REDACTED] Mullen

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Chair Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council

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Iain Cunningham

From: [REDACTED] Whitaker [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 September 2020 23:50
To: Iain Cunningham
Cc: [REDACTED] odwyer
Subject: Fwd: NHP - Sykes Lane

Hi Iain,

Fyi

Sent to me from Councillor Michael o'Dwyer when I was on leave. This is the information regarding Sykes Lane, the historic route in Silsden.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] Whitaker

Silsden Town Councillor
Craven District Councillor

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From: [REDACTED] odwyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 3 September 2020, 11:35
To: Rebecca Whitaker
Subject:

Hi [REDACTED]

Please note the above information has been passed to Michael Wellock and would you be kind enough to forward to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

Another route that had fallen into disuse by the middle of the 19th century was called Wood Street. It was a bridleway that led directly northwards from roughly what is now the entrance to Airedale Hospital. The bridleway crossed the then main Keighley-Skipton road at a place called Nanny Grave Hill (the site of a 17th century suicide), where Pott Lane met Lyon Lane, and continued northwards, fording the river Aire and continuing up the far hillside to Kildwick Grange.

The road to Silsden, now called Station road, has also followed a number of routes as it follows its course towards Silsden. It originally went far closer to Steeton Hall, before snaking towards Kildwick, and fording the river Aire to the west of where Steeton beck joins the river. This is about 50 yards up-stream of the current bridge, at a place that was called "The Streams". While horse-drawn carts & wagons had to ford the river (or travel around via Kildwick if the river was too deep), there was a footbridge, near the point where Steeton beck flows into the river Aire.

With the coming of the railway in the mid 19th century the road from Steeton top to Silsden altered its course further away from Steeton Hall, and directly towards the Station. Evidence of this can be seen by looking at the gardens of the houses at the top of Station Road; the old houses date from 1732 and indicate the path of the older road, but the newer route for the road veers away to the right. At this time the road crossed the railway at a level crossing, but in 1990 when the dual-carriageway along the valley was built the course of Station road was again altered: taking it slightly to the west and over the railway on a new bridge.

ROAD OLD SILSDEN ONLY ROAD - TRACK OF ITS
TIME

Iain Cunningham

From: [REDACTED] odwyer [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 September 2020 21:47
To: Iain Cunningham

Dear Sirs

With respect to questions for the Parish Councils 18/9/2020

SWES4/17 1,3,5,18a and 18c North Street are in the Conservation area on the old pack horse road from Steeton to Silsden and Addingham via the ford in St John's Street (as stated)

58 - 61 St John's Street is in the Conservation area and it is also on the old road from Steeton to Silsden via the River Aire Ford up Sykes Lane, St John's Street through Silsden over to Addingham mentioned in 1086 Domesday Book (Siglesdene) most important village in Craven.

Old Cinema / Picture House Bradley Road built as an early bus garage which caught fire and was then used as a Picture House and is now housing.

Elliott Street School is the architectural design of the building and also Hothfield Street (are not in the Conservation area).

Silsden Methodist Church is not in a Conservation area.

Wesley Place - the original Methodist Chapel is in the Conservation area.

The Library building was the original chapel and is in the Conservation area and has now been converted into housing. It is situated next to the flower bed and car park on Wesley Place.

Please note attachments are of the Conservation area. Trust this information helps.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED] O'Dwyer
Silsden Mayor

Iain Cunningham

From: Cllr [REDACTED] Whitaker
Sent: 05 November 2020 12:56
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Subject: RE: Steeton with Eastburn & Silsden Neighbourhood Plan - Examination

Dear Iain,

I cannot find the email regarding Jackson's Field and Sykes Lane. I cannot remember if I responded or Councillor Michael o'Dwyer.

The information is as follows:

Jackson's Field has been used over many years for a variety of events eg, car boot sales, travelling circus, gala etc. It was still being used up to the start of Covid.

Sykes Lane is the historic route into Silsden. It's part of the local heritage of Silsden. It is well documented and plays an integrate part of Silsden's local history. It is also a nice green space and a tranquil lane for residents and walkers to enjoy. It is imperative this lane is protected. Bradford Council has already failed to afford protection to the ancient hedgerows on Sykes Lane which has, in essence, seen most of it removed. It has granted planning consent for housing either side of this ancient lane.

Apologies if there are any delays in responding to emails. Please appreciate my own and Councillor's O'Dwyer's circumstances have both changed, more so because of the Covid Crisis, since we embarked on this NHP, some six years ago!!

I hope this information assists.

Kind regards

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