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# Engine Shed Covered Area Extension at Rudyard Lake Steam Railway, Rudyard Road, Rudyard, Leek, ST13 8PF

## Heritage Assessment

| **Proposed Works (*item by item*):** | Significance of the historic fabric/area that will be affected: | The impact of the proposed work(s) on the historic fabric/area: |
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| Shed roof / covered area extension | The existing shed building is a modern structure built in 2017. This in itself was a replacement to another structure built in phases over the previous 15 years. The new shed was subject to detailed design so as to minimize its impact on the surrounding area resulting in a very low roof angle and colours and materials sympathetic to other structures in the area. The new roof extension will retain the same building materials, low roof line (and the same roof angle) and colours of the existing structure.<br><br>None of the existing structures are related nor have any connection to the North Staffordshire Railway, LMS Railway or British Railways (and their antecedent companies) nor any of the associated features. The original structures on the site were demolished and removed in the 1970s.<br><br>The structures proposed for modification / extension whilst in the Rudyard conservation area are not listed.<br><br>A search of the National Monuments Record only includes photographs of the former station buildings, now | It is considered there is no impact of the proposed work on the historic / fabric, as none exists in the proposed works.<br><br>No historic fabric will be lost as a result of the proposed works.<br><br>As the attached pictures show the structure is a modern erection of bespoke build, the proposed extension shelter is of similar design, of similar materials and will be of the same colours. |

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| | demolished (reference BF004213).<br><br>The Heritage Gateway only makes reference to the demolished former station under an entry from Historic England PastScape (reference SJ 95 NE 34).<br><br>The Stafforshire Historic Environment Record (reference MonUID MST13192, HER Number 51775) is for Rudyard Station but states the site "…. had been demolished by 2000 to make way for a car park". The related Historic Environment Record (reference MonUID MST12335, HER Number 50750) lists no protected status for the former railway line as a whole.<br><br>The 2016 Rudyard Conservation Area Character Appraisal makes no specific reference to the structures in question and only makes a passing reference to "…. a cluster of paraphernalia associated with the miniature railway". | |
| Concrete Pad | The concrete pad is an extension to that installed with the current structure in 2017. It will be of the same type and materials. It will not entail removal or modification to any existing structure. The area concerned whilst in the vicinity of removed structures from the North Staffordshire Railway, LMS Railway or British Railways (and their antecedent companies), itself does not impact any of the associated features. The original platforms and platform walls / edges on the site were demolished and removed in the 1970s.<br><br>A search of the National Monuments Record only includes photographs of the former station buildings, now demolished (reference BF004213).<br><br>The Heritage Gateway only makes reference to the demolished former station under an entry from Historic England PastScape (reference SJ 95 NE 34).<br><br>The Stafforshire Historic Environment Record (reference MonUID MST13192, HER Number | It is considered there is no impact of the proposed work on the historic / fabric, as none exists in the proposed works.<br><br>No historic fabric will be lost as a result of the proposed works.<br><br>The concrete pad is designed to extend the existing structure, act as a floor for the new shelter area and provide an offloading area for visiting engines, rolling stock and other railway items. |

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Design and Access Statement

The proposed works are modest extensions to the existing engine shed designed to facilitate maintenance and loading / offloading for railway operations. They are of similar design, identical materials and located unobtrusively behind the existing structure.

The design has taken into consideration the existing structure of green cladding, roof lights and flashings / guttering and will of the same materials. The footprint and overall envelope is within the existing building exterior dimensions and designed to look like a simple extended roof protruding from the rear of the building. The design has been established to locate the existing external lifting frame undercover (the yellow structure which can be seen in the attached photographs), which will also enhance the visual appeal of this area of the site. The concrete pad is in keeping with the materials already present in the existing structure and will not be readily visible from outside of the site.

The concrete loading pad will provide access into the rear of the shed and will not require any changes to vehicular access. There is existing access to the rear of the building for deliveries through the existing fencing which has a removable panel – this will be retained without any modification.

The proposed works make not changes to any pedestrian public access to the site or station. There are no changes proposed to public access points as a result of the proposed works; all existing ingress and egress points (including emergency access) are retained.

Attachments

1. Photographs of site