

Heritage Statement

29 King Street Leek ST13 5NW

Planning App: Replacement of front elevation windows and front door



Built in the 1820s, 29 King Street, lies within a continuous brick-built terrace close to Leek Town Centre. As the property is situated in the Leek Conservation Area, a Heritage Statement has been put together to accompany the Planning Application for the replacement of the front windows and doors at the property.

The properties along King Street are of significance, as the majority are typical of Silk Weavers houses, distinguished by their weavers' windows on the second-floor front elevation. Constructed in Flemish Bond from solid red brick and blue headers, with a Welsh slate roof, many of the houses retain their wooden sliding sash windows (or modern replicas) maintaining much of the character of the street.

In 1851, it is believed that the second floor of No.29 was incorporated with the second floor of No's 27 to 41 and occupied by a retired Silk Merchant.

The front elevation of the property is sited straight onto the pavement and unlike other properties on the street, has white, modern uPVC windows and a uPVC door which are not sympathetic to the traditional style of the property.

Permission is sought to replace the ground and first floor windows with uPVC sliding sash windows with a 2 over 2 configuration (similar to 36 King Street) and the second-floor window is to be replaced with a flush casement sash window with a similar 2 over 2 configuration. It is hoped the windows are to be coloured Pebble Grey, similar to that of the colour of 38 King

Street. The windows will also be wood grain effect, mimicking the material that the original windows would have been made of.

The front door is to be of Georgian style, similar to that of others on the street with 6 panels two of which are to incorporate two small panes of glass at the top. Again, it is hoped that this will be wood grain effect and dark olive green in colour.

The fanlight above the door is to be kept and restored to its former glory, preserving the original feature.

Overall, it is hoped that the works to be undertaken will be an improvement on what is currently at the property and ultimately aid the preservation of the character of the street for the future.