

DESIGN AND ACCESSMENT STATEMENT

16 WHITBURN HALL SR6 7JQ

Whitburn Hall is the largest residential building within the Whitburn Conservation Area and is sited in a highly visible position at the eastern approach of the area. The building bears the name of the historically significant home of the Williamson family. The current hall, although relatively modern, circa 1982, was built on the site of the original hall, and the grounds, mature preserved trees, limestone boundary walls and stonework features serve to enhance the conservation area.

Of the 34 flats in Whitburn Hall, more than have fully replaced their original (1982) aluminium sliding windows and aluminium doors set in brown painted wooden frames with UPVC windows and doors in Rosewood finish. It has for some time been the wish of the Whitburn Hall Management Committee and of South Tyneside Council that whenever residents wished to replace the windows and balcony doors they should strive for uniformity. The intention was that, eventually, all external woodwork would be replaced by Rosewood UPVC. The windows of all communal staircases, landings and corridors have similarly been replaced by Rosewood UPVC at the direction of the hall's management committee.

The present application requests permission to replace the windows and balcony door as a further contribution to the restoration of the external uniformity to the restoration of this conspicuous building, thus enhancing its appearance in the conservation area.