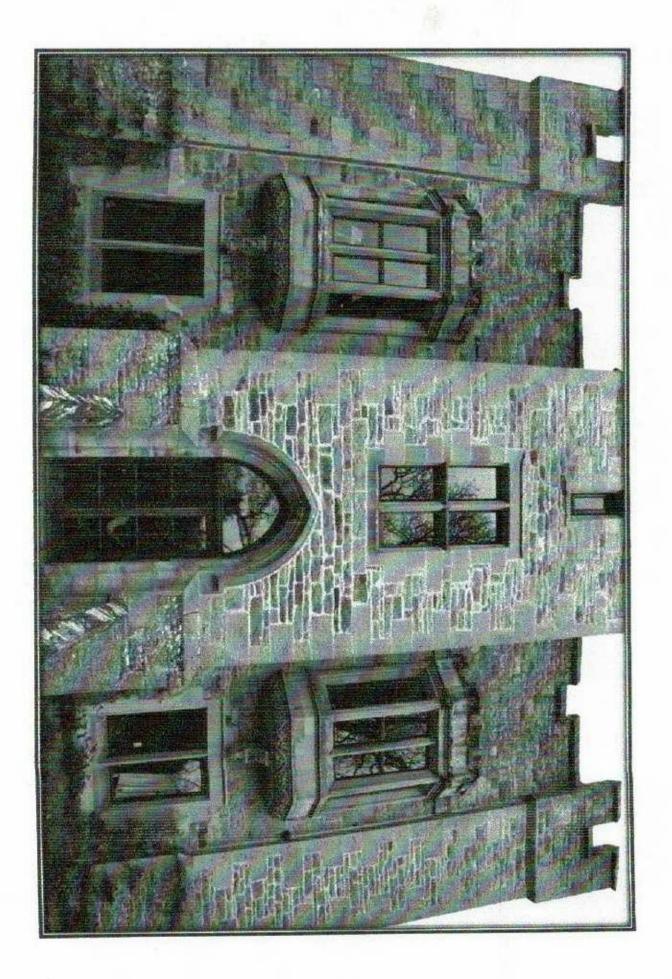
Bellister Castle

Northumberland

Window Condition Report



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Summary of Report

Castle, Northumberland. This report sets out the findings of our site survey to assess the condition of the windows of Bellister

the surrounding area are specified, and issues relating to the windows considered within this Details of the property, its physical condition, maintenance, history, present use and significance to

condition of each component. installation. The physical composition of the window is recorded, followed by an assessment of the The assessment of the windows includes details of location, overall dimensions and methods of

the windows' future care. Finally a general assessment of the principle concerns in given, and recommendations proposed for

BRIEF

1.1 Scope of Report

The purpose of this inspection is to determine as fully as possible the condition of the conservation and future maintenance. metal frames and associated glazing, and to formulate recommendations for their

1.2 Investigation

Ltd on 17th December 2020 on a dry, overcast day. The site was visited by Philip Barrand (Contracts Director, Martin Johnson & Co (York)

Internal access was from floor level, and external access to the windows was from It was feasible to gain all information required at close range.

Barrand, using a Canon EOS 1000 digital camera. All photographs featured in this report were taken on the day of the site survey by Philip

solely on what could be seen on the site visit. The glazing is assessed while in its current The information of the condition of each window contained within this report is based

1.3 Studio Profile

protection of stained glass and historic glazing: company of craftsmen and women qualified and experienced in the conservation and Established in 1986 by Martin Johnson ACR, Martin Johnson & Co (York) Ltd is a

Eleanor Carr	Aidan Burton	Philip Barrand	Martin Johnson ACR
Glass Painter, Conservator	Apprentice Conservator	Contracts Director, Conservator	Managing Director

Vincent Cook Senior Fabricator, Conservator	Steve Collins Artist/Designer, Conservator
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2. DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY OF BUILDING

2.1 Location

of Haltwhistle, in Northumberland. Bellister Castle is situated in a rural location along the A69, 1km south west of the village

Address: Bellister Castle, Bellister Road, Haltwhistle, Northumberland NE49 0HZ

2.2 History

following fire damage. The remains of the 14th century tower house have been allowed houses and churches. Further alterations to Bellister were carried out in 1890 and 1905 rebuilding in central Newcastle, including Grainger Market, as well as several country Dobson is known for his neoclassical designs for Newcastle central station and much different owners until it was substantially remodelled in 1826 by architect John Dobson. In around 1669 the castle was converted into a 3 storey house, and occupied by several 'bastelhouse', occupied by the Blenkinsop family, who sold their estates in 1697. substantial tower in the 14th century. Records from 1541 describe a 'tower house' castle. In the 13th century a moated hall stood on the site, to which was added a It is thought that the present property stands on the site of an early motte and bailey to fall into ruins, though remain adjoining the present structure

2.3 Style / Architecture

probably surrounded by a moat which is now traceable on the south and west sides. stands on a prominent mound, apparently partly natural and partly constructed, and Blenkinsopp). The moulded ogee arched doorway of the present house may also be of house (inscription stone EJB 1667 refers to the occupancy of Elizabeth and John The walls of the north western part of the present house may date from the original early 14th century hall house with the tower at its north west end. The whole building front. It adjoins the ruin of the square tower of the 'bastelhouse' – part of a late 13th or this date. The 19th century occupied house is built in a mock-Gothic style, with a castellated east However, the majority of the present house is post 1827

2.4 Current Use

Bellister Castle is owned by the National Trust. The Trust has recently offered a 125 year over 35 years, after the Trust's consideration of its viable use. hands for the duration of the lease. lease for the Castle and Lodge as a private residence, and the building is now in private The Castle has already been a leased residence for

2.5 Status

Listing Grade I

List Entry Number 1045292

Date first listed 10th June 1952

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District

Parish Featherstone (formally Civil Parish of Bellister)

Northumberland (Unitary Authority)

National Grid Ref NY 70068 62959

Listing Text Ruined tower house and adjoining occupied house. Ruined

section possibly a C13 hall-house with C14 (possibly solar) tower on west; altered c.1600. Occupied house dated 1669 but possibly incorporating medieval fabric in lower courses; major alterations c.1826 by John Dobson and c.1890; partly rebuilt c.1901-5 following an extensive fire. Tower coursed rubble with dressings; roofless. House squared and snecked sandstone, roofs not visible L-plan medieval range with U-plan occupied house on east end. Castellated style house.

Ruined section of 2 builds retains few architectural details.

Original north and west walls are 2 and 3 storeys high, south wall has partly collapsed and east wall is largely destroyed. Projecting north-west corner with alternating quoins; fragment of spiral stair near south-west corner. Narrower added tower on west has similar projecting corners; fragmentary window openings on north; window in surround with double-roll moulding set high on west; fragment of garderobe on partly-collapsed south wall.

Occupied house has mainly C19 2- and 3-light mullioned windows and embattled parapets. North front has recessed centre and projecting wings: 3-storey, 3-bay centre has possibly re-set moulded ogee-headed doorway and 1669 datestone; slightly-

projecting c.1890 tower on west, adjoining ruined section, with projecting single-storey wing on front; far-projecting early C19 2-storey east wing with flanking corner turrets, cross windows and a later 3-storey semi- octagonal tower on north-west corner. 2-storey, 3-bay east return has projecting tower with pointed doorway, flanking elaborate oriel windows and projecting corners. South front of 2 builds: recessed 3-storey, 3-bay centre; c.1890 tower at west with taller turret; wider 2-storey tower at east with projecting corners and turrets. Interior refitted in early C20.

2.6 Significance

imposing outline of the present castle and its ruined predecessor is an attractive and importance to the site whose early history remains only partially researched. The constructed suggests an origin in the late 11th or 12th century, and lends a historical architect. The mound or 'motte' on which the present remaining buildings are first floor hall house and also as a significant early design of a well know Victorian Architecturally, Bellister Castle is of importance, both for the partial survival of an early prominent feature of the Tynedale landscape

2.7 Condition of Building

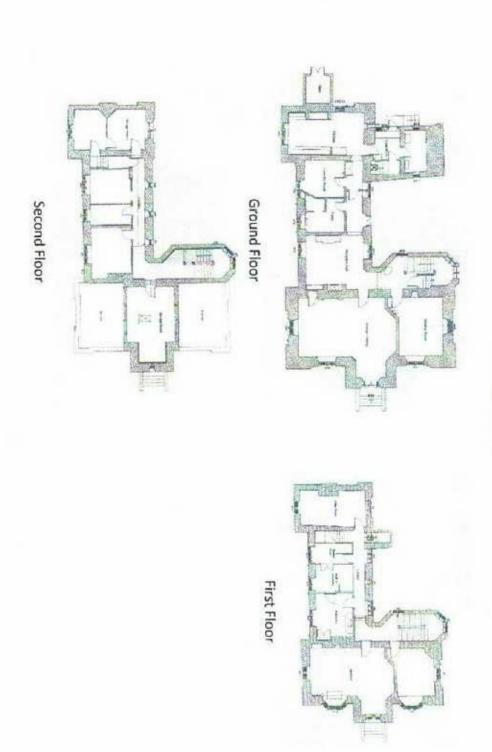
The residence is currently undergoing a scheme of works to include repairs to the windows and roof and rainwater goods.

3. PARTICULARS OF WINDOWS

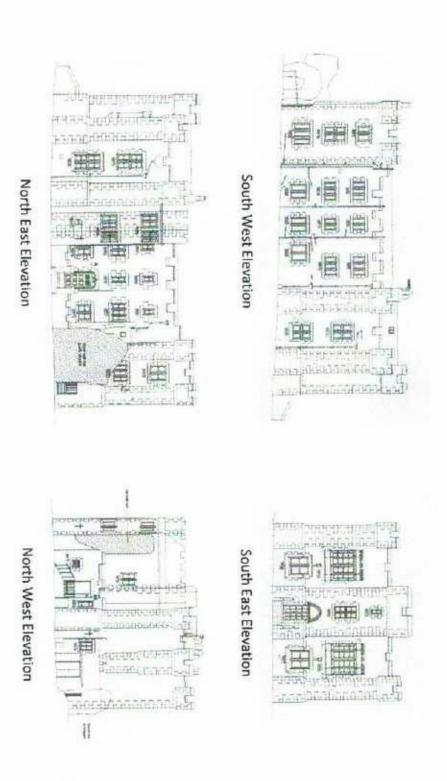
3.1 Location and Numbering System

are numbered anti-clockwise in sequence from the West corner, the first floor clockwise assessment. windows are shown on the floor and elevation plans alongside each individual from the North corner, and the second floor anti-clockwise from the West corner. All All windows are numbered as per the architect's drawings. The ground floor windows

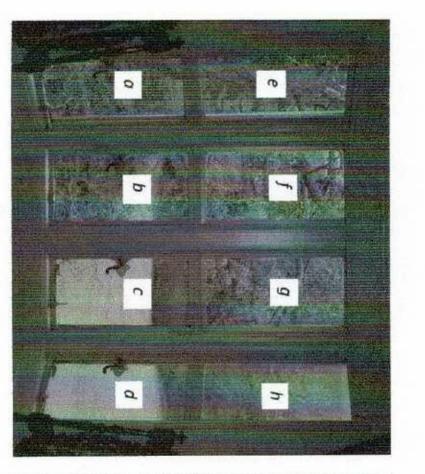
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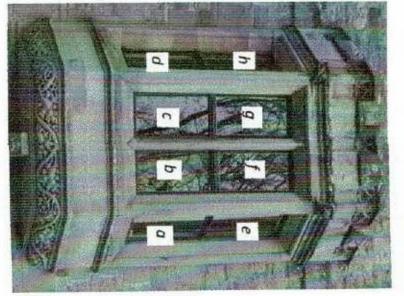


Elevation Plans:



Where a window has two lights (or panes), these will be designated 'a' and 'b' lights, window has four lights (or panes), these will be termed 'a', 'b', 'c' and 'd' lights, with 'a' with 'a' light being the left hand side light / pane as viewed from the interior. Where a any number of lights in a window: light being the lower left hand side light as viewed from the interior. This rule applies to





Interior

Exterior

3.2 Material Content

Pointing into stonework	Pointing into frames	Frames		Glass
Sand / cement mortar mix	Linseed oil putty	Mild steel, cast iron and zinc	have been inserted the glass used is 4-6mm float glass	Original glass is 4-6mm drawn sheet. Where replacements

3.3 Installation

For the purposes of this report only the metal window frames are assessed. The frames are fixed into the surrounding stonework with ferrous screws and mortar The window frames at Bellister are a mixture of timber, mild steel, cast iron and zinc. pointing.

sample was removed and tested. No asbestos material was found to be present. putty-like substance, which it was suspected could contain asbestos. Within the rebates behind the mortar there was found what appeared to be a fibrous Consequently a



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PREMIUM

Client Address: Date of Analysis: Date sample received: Date sample taken: Site Address: YO43 4SN TECHNICAL MANAGER BELLISTER CASTLE NORTHUMBERLAND WESTGATE NORTH NEWBALD 12/06/19 12/06/19 07/06/19 DJ CLEANING LTD Analysis Report No. No. of Samples: Site Ref No. Report Date. Page No: SCO/19/10978 DELIVERED 12/06/19 9 N/A -

Samples of material, referenced below, have been examined to determine the presence of asbestos fibres, using Scopes Asbestos Analysis "in house" method of transmitted/polarised light microscopy and centre stop dispersion staining, based on HSE's HSG248.

If samples have been DELIVERED the site address and actual sample location is as given by the client at the time of delivery. Scopes Asbestos Analysis Services Limited are not responsible for the accuracy or competence of the sampling by third parties. Under these circumstances Scopes Asbestos Analysis Services Limited cannot be held responsible for the interpretation of the results shown.

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4. ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL WINDOWS

Ground Floor

4.1 Window WG1

Location South eleva Ground floc

South elevation, west-most Ground floor kitchen window



Installation

Zinc frames with timber fascia

internally

Description 3 lights: a and c lights are openers,

b light is fixed

Dimensions All lights 430 x 1300mm

Condition Both opening lights are operable

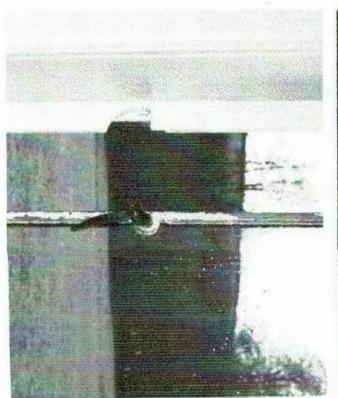
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Proposed

Refurbish all lights in-situ





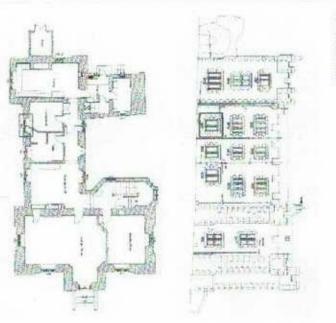


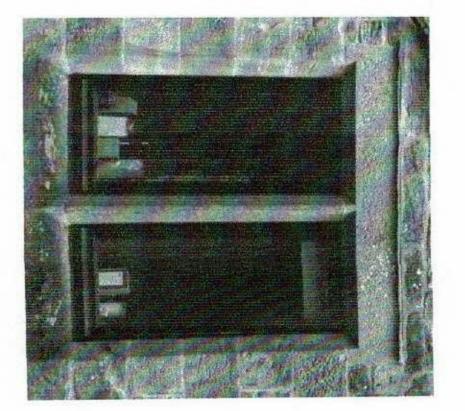
4.2 Window WG2

Location

South elevation, second from west Ground floor Laundry room / Toilet

window





Installation

Timber frames

Window is separated into 2 rooms

Description

2 lights, both openers

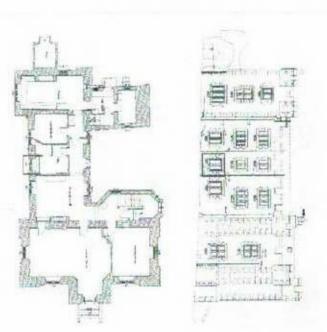
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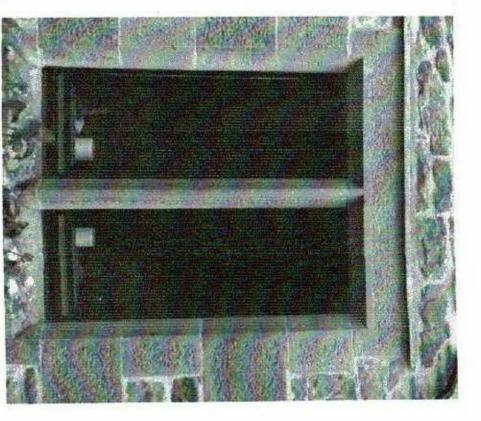
4.3 Window WG3

Location

South elevation, third from west Ground floor toilet / bathroom

window





Installation

Timber frames

Description

2 lights, both openers

4.4 Window WG4

Location

South elevation

Ground floor reception hall

window





Steel frames

Description 2 light window:

a light fixed, b light opener

Dimensions Both lights 530 x 1200mm

a light has been reglazed, and is

Condition

rusting at base

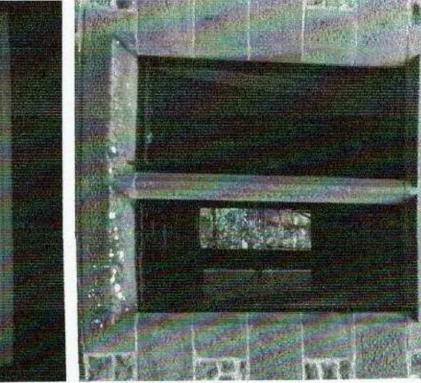
b light – opener is sealed shut and

inoperable

Proposed

Remove both for refurbishment

works







4.5 Window WG5

Location

South elevation, east-most Ground floor lounge window





Installation

Description

Steel frames

4 light window, with upper and

lower panels

a and d lights have openers, b and

c lights are fixed

Dimensions

Condition

All lights 435 x 800mm

Both openers are inoperable and

are missing window stays (see

photo below)

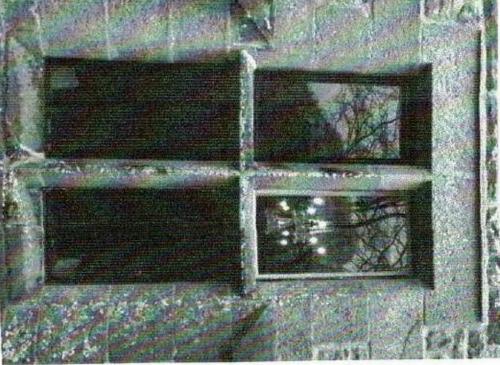
Remove and refurbish both

openers, and provide new stays

works

Proposed

Refurbish fixed lights in-situ





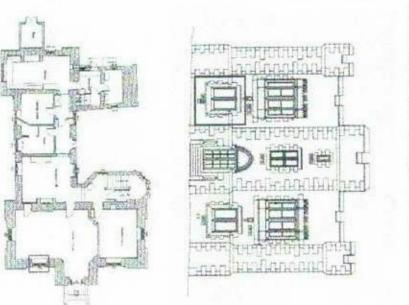


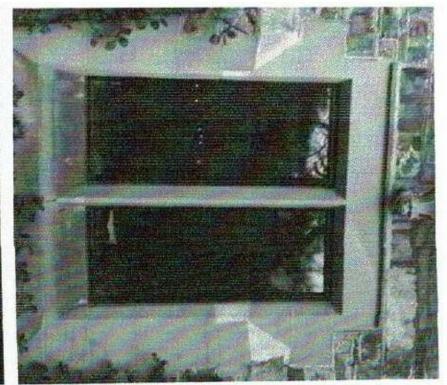
4.6 Window WG6

Location

East elevation, south-most

Ground floor lounge window





Installation

Steel frames

Description 2 light window, both lights are

openers

Dimensions Both lights 600 x 1350mm

Condition Both opening lights are inoperable

Proposed Remove and refurbish both

openers

works

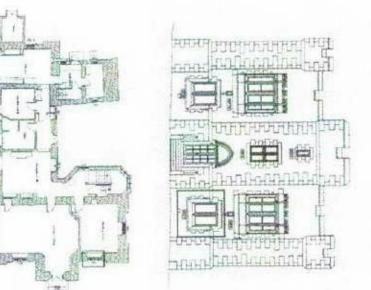


4.7 Window WG7

Location

East elevation, north-most

Meeting room window





Installation

Steel frames

2 light window, both lights are

Description

openers

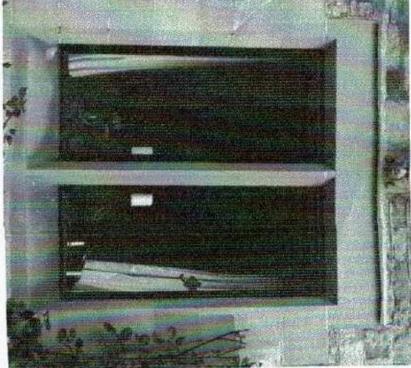
Dimensions Both lights 600 x 1350mm

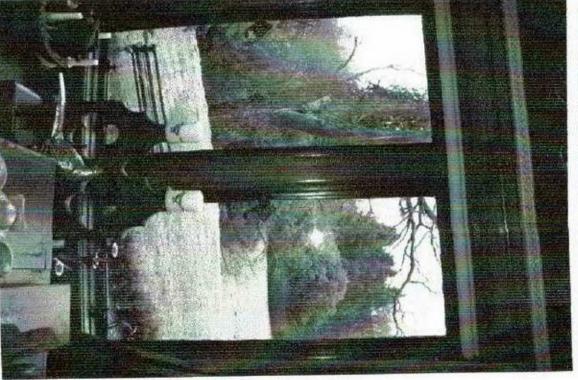
Condition Both opening lights are inoperable

Proposed Remove and refurbish both

openers

works





4.8 Window WG8

Location

North elevation, east-most

Ground floor meeting room

window





Installation

Steel frames

Description

4 light window:

a light Fixed

b light Opener

c light Opener

d light Fixed

Dimensions

All lights 450 x 800mm

Condition

a light Sound, has been reglazed

b light Trial done (photo below)

c light Opener inoperable

Sound, has been reglazed

d light

works

Proposed

Remove opener in c light and

refurbish.

a & d lights to be refurbished in-

situ







4.9 Window WG9

Location

North elevation, west-facing

Ground floor stairwell window



Installation

Steel frames

2 light window:

Description

a light fixed, b light opener

Dimensions Both lights 535 x 1100mm

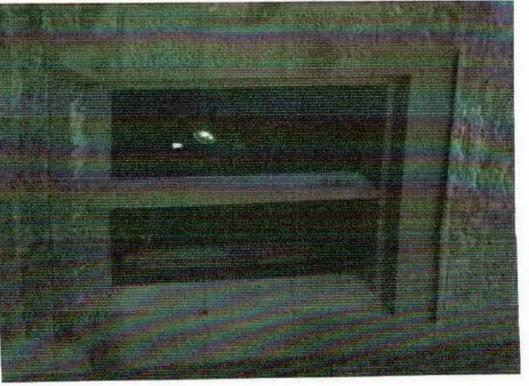
Opening light (b) is inoperable

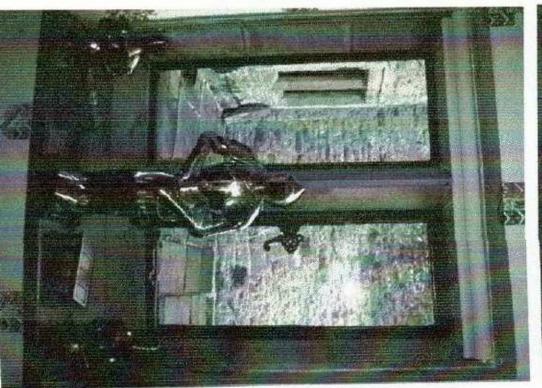
Refurbish a light in-situ

Proposed

Condition

Remove b light and refurbish





4.10 Window WG10

Location

South elevation

Ground floor reception hall

window





Installation

Steel frames

2 light window:

Description

a light fixed, b light opener

Dimensions Both lights 535 x 1100mm

Condition Opening light (b) inoperable

Proposed Refurbish a light in-situ

Remove b light and refurbish

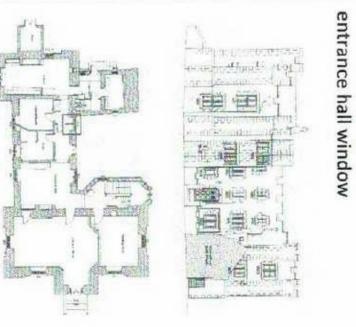


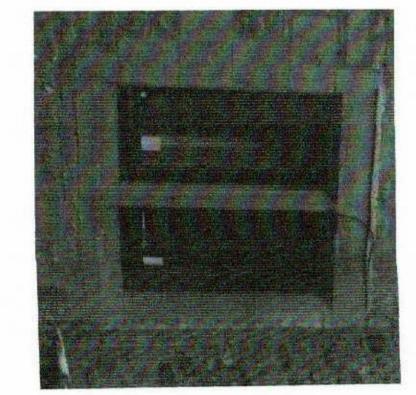


.11 Window WG11

Location

North elevation, ground floor





Installation

Timber frame

Description

2 light window

The timber framed windows are not assessed as part of this report

4.12 Window WG12

Location

North elevation, ground floor east-

facing wall of boiler room

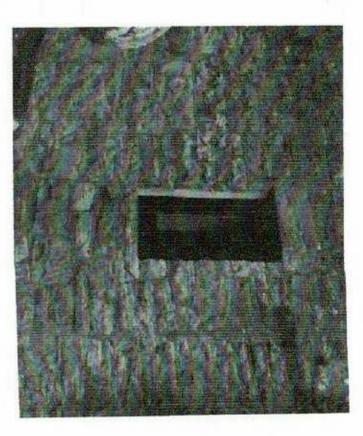


Installation

Timber frame

Single light window

Description

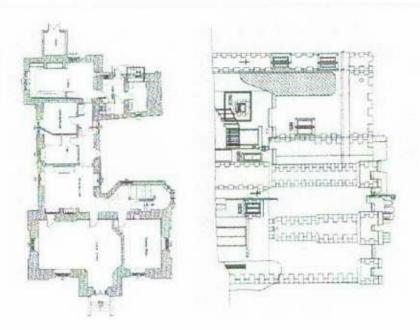


4.13 Window WG13

Location

Ground floor west-facing window

of boiler room





Installation

Timber frame

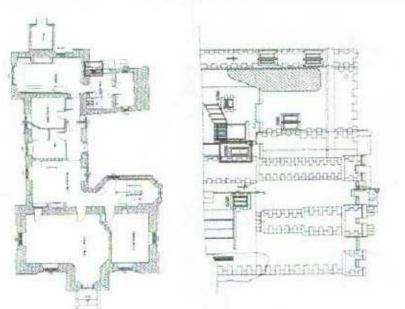
Description Single light window, partly glazed

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Window WG 14

Location

Ground floor west wall- coat room





Installation

Timber

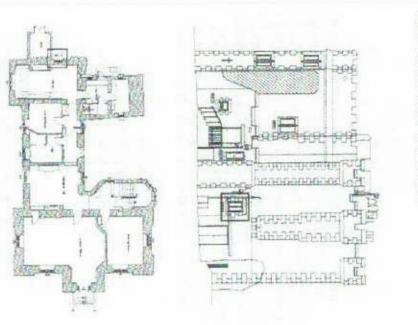
Single light window

Description

4.15 Window WG15

Location

Ground floor north elevation, entrance hall window





Installation

Timber frame

2 light window

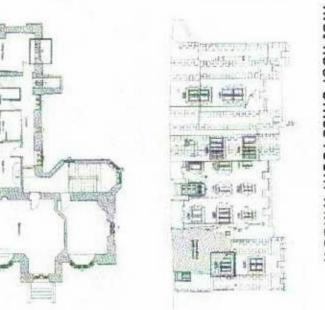
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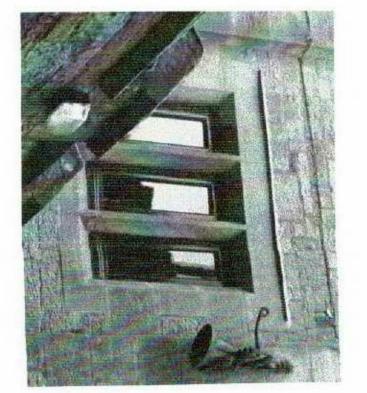
First Floor

4.16 Window WF1

Location

North elevation, west-most, first floor office room window





Installation

Timber

3 light window

Description

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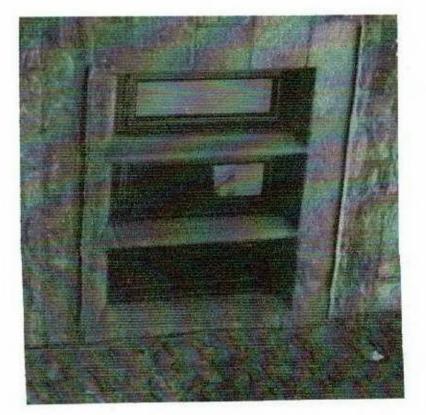
4.17 Window WF2

Location

North elevation, first floor corridor

window





Installation

Timber frame

Description

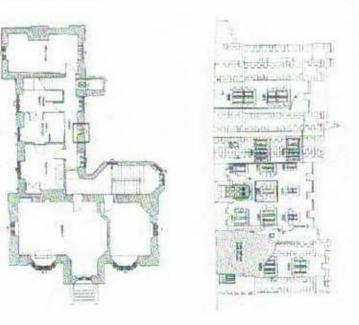
3 light window

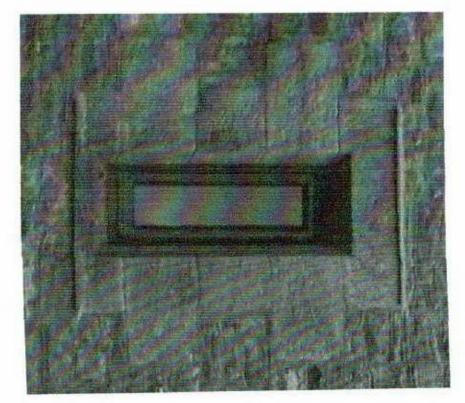
4.18 Window WF3

Location

North elevation, first floor corridor

window





Installation

Timber frame

Description

Single light window

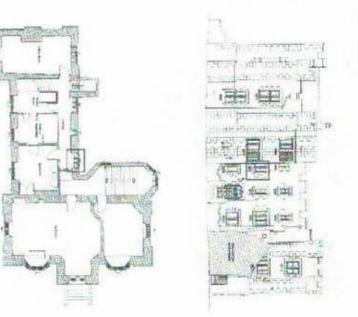
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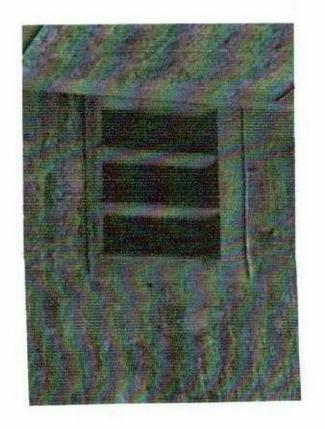
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Location

North elevation, first floor corridor

window





Installation

Timber frame

Description

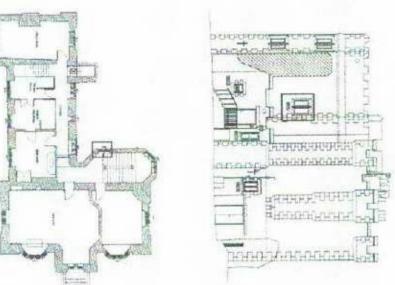
3 light window

4.20 Window WF5

Location

First floor west-facing stairwell

window





Installation

Cast iron frames

2 light window:

Description

a light fixed, b light opener

Dimensions 385 x 910mm

Condition Fixed light (a) is rusting at base,

Opener is inoperable

Proposed Remove both frames for

refurbishment

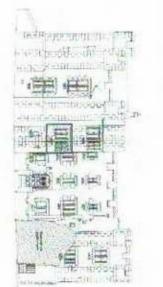
works



4.21 Window WF6

Location

North west corner, first floor stairwell window





Installation

ation Cast iron frames

Description 4

4 light window:

a light Fixed

b light Opener

c light Opener

d light Fixed

Dimensions All lights 380 x 910mm

Condition

a light Has been reglazed

b light Opener inoperable

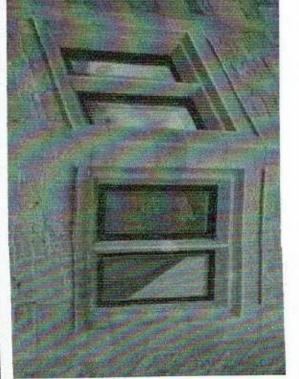
c light Opener inoperable

d light Has been reglazed

Remove both opening lights for

s refurbishment

Proposed



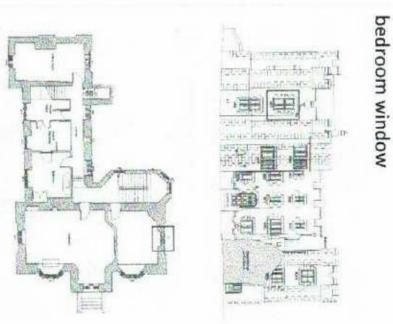


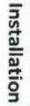


4.22 Window WF7

Location

North elevation, first floor





Zinc frames with timber fascia

Description

4 light window: inside

b light a light Opener Trial done

c light

Fixed light

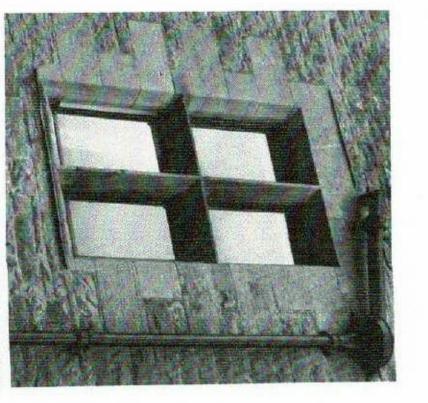
Fixed light

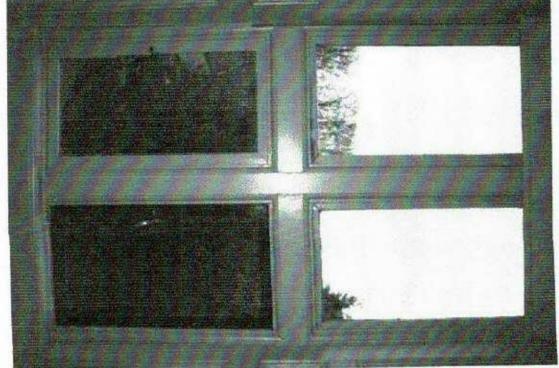
Condition

Proposed

works

Dimensions d light b light a light d light c light All lights 445 x 800mm Refurbish all frames in-situ Sound Sound Sound Trial panel

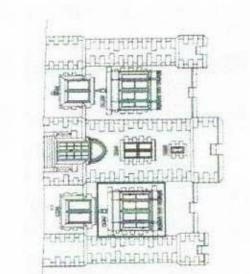


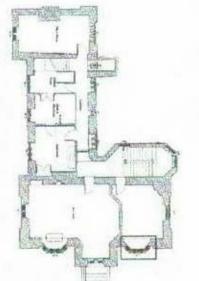


4.23 Window WF8

Location

East elevation, first floor bedroom window, north-most





Installation

Steel frames, all with timber fascia

inside, all painted white

Description

8 light window:

a-d lights are openers, e-h lights

are fixed

Dimensions

Condition

All lights 390 x 730mm

a light Inoperable, thumb turn

missing

b light Inoperable, stay missing

c light Inoperable

d light Inoperable, thumb turn

missing

e light Rusting at base

f light Sound

g light Sound

h light Sound

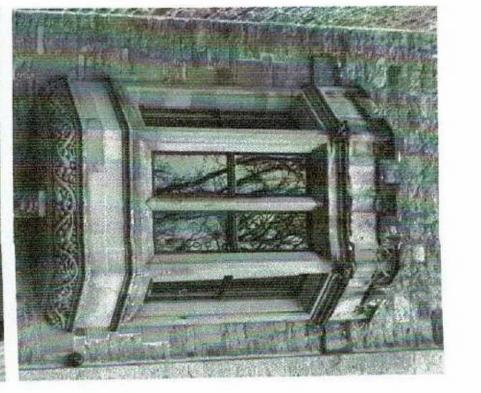
Remove a, b, c, d & e for

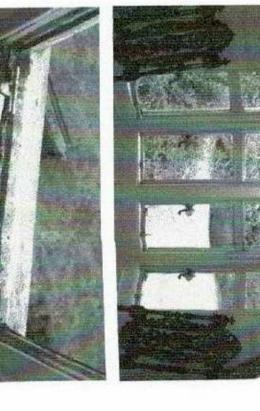
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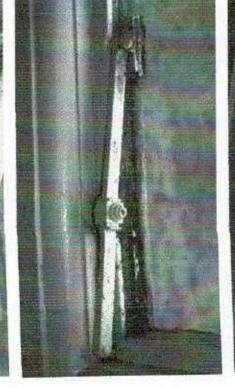
refurbishment & replace furniture

works

Refurbish f, g & h in-situ





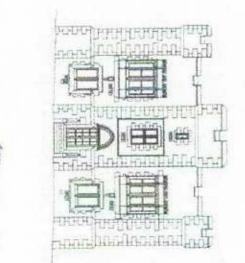




4.24 Window WF9

Location

Central bedroom window, first





Installation

Steel frames

Description

4 light window:

a light

b light Fixed light

c light

Opener Opener

d light

Fixed light

Dimensions All lights 450 x 790mm

a & d are sound, b & c are

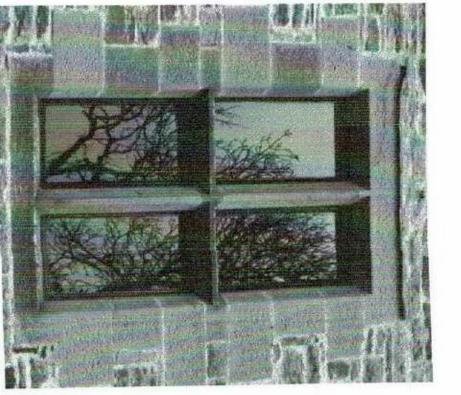
inoperable

Condition

Remove b & c for refurbishment,

Proposed

works a & d to be refurbished in-situ

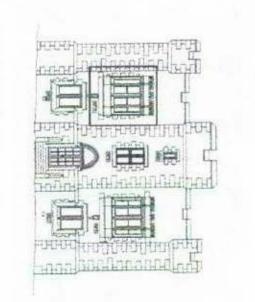




4.25 Window WF10

Location

East elevation, first floor bedroom window, south-most





Installation

Steel frames

Description 8 light window:

a light Opener

b light Opener

c light Opener

d light Opener

e light Fixed light

flight Fixed light

g light Fixed light

h light Fixed light

All lights 395 x 750mm

Dimensions

Condition

a light Inoperable

b light Inoperable, thumb turn

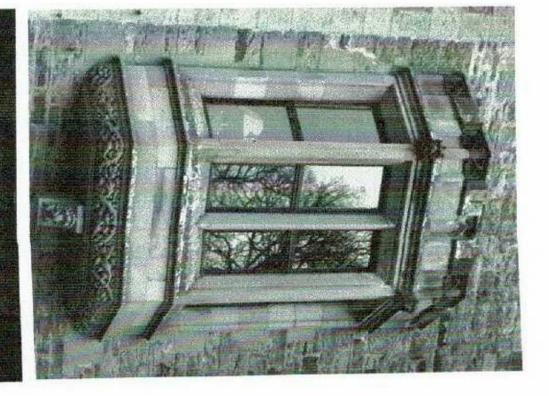
missing

c light Inoperable

d light Inoperable

e light Sound

flight Sound





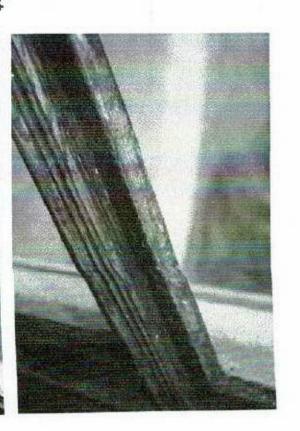
g light Sound, though previous glass replacement not correctly installed.

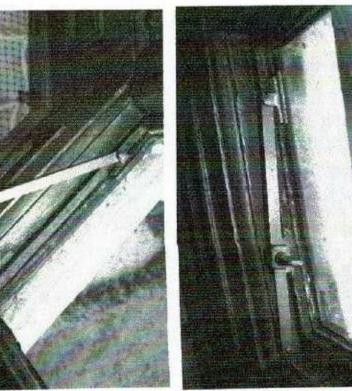
h light Sound

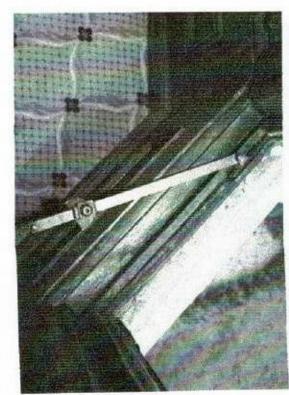
Refurbish e, f, g & h in-situ. Consider re-fitting of glass in g light Remove and refurbish a, b, c & d.

works

Proposed

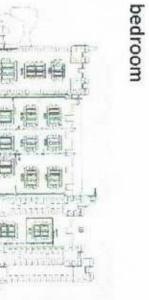






4.26 Window WF11

Location South elevation, first floor







Installation Steel frames

Description 4 light window:

a light Opener

b light Opener

d light c light Fixed light Fixed light

Dimensions All lights 435 x 800mm

a light Opener inoperable

Condition

b light Opener inoperable

d light c light Sound Sound

Remove both openers for

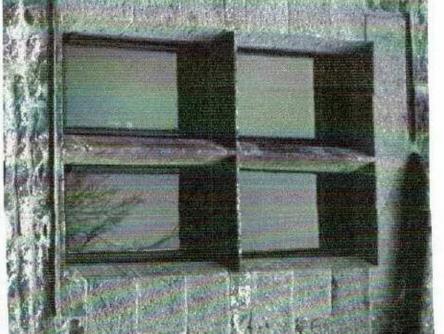
refurbishment (a and b lights)

works

Proposed

Refurbish both fixed lights in-situ (c

and d lights)



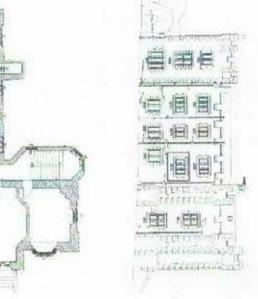


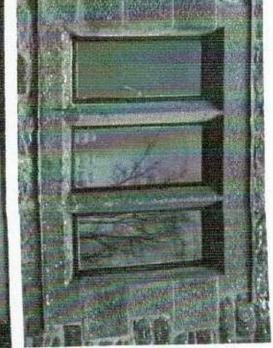
4.27 Window WF12

Location

South elevation, first floor bathroom window









Installation

Zinc frames

Description 3 light window:

a light Opener

b light Fixed light

Dimensions 3 x 450 x 950mm

c light

Opener

a light Sound

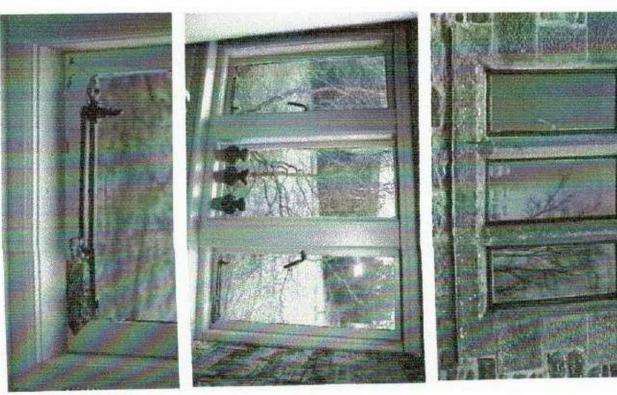
Condition

b light Sound

c light Sound

Proposed Refurbish frames in-situ

works



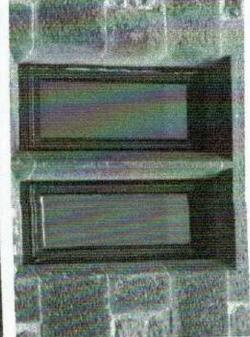
4.28 Window WF13

Location

South elevation, first floor central

walk-in wardrobe window





Installation

Timber frame

Description

2 light window



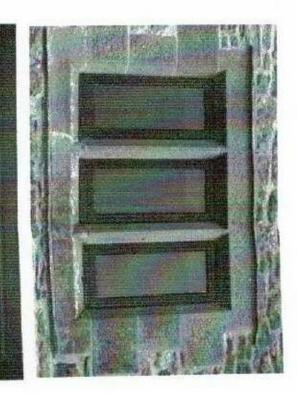
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4.29 Window WF14

Location

South elevation first floor – shower





Installation

Timber frame

Description 3 lig

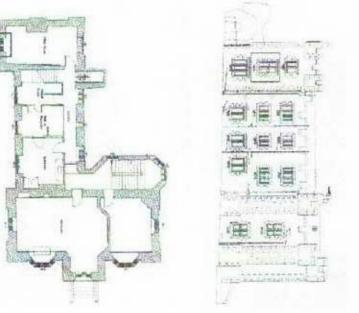
3 light window

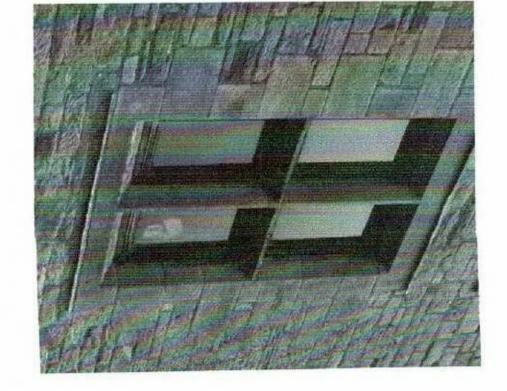
4.30 Window WF15

Location

South elevation, first floor – Office

room





Installation Steel frames

Description 4 light window:

a light Opener
b light Opener
c light Fixed light

d light Fixed light

Dimensions 3 no. @ 460 x 790mm

Condition a light Inoperable

a light Inoperable
b light Inoperable

c light Sound

Proposed Remove both openers for works refurbishment (a and b lights),

fixed lights to be refurbished in-situ

(c and d lights)

Second Floor

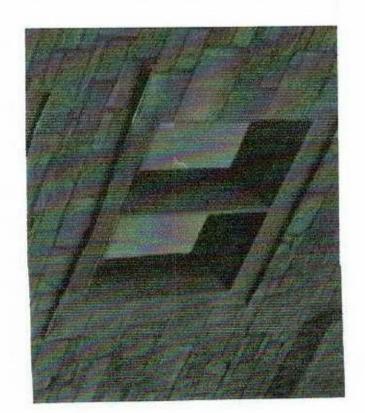
4.31 Window WS1

Location

South elevation, west-most

Storage room window





Installation

Timber frames

Description

Two light window

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4.32 Window WS2

Location

South elevation, second floor

window second from west

Bedroom window





Installation

on Timber frames

Description

n 3-light window

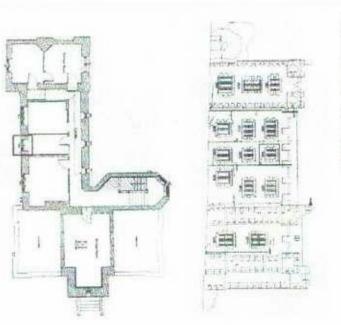
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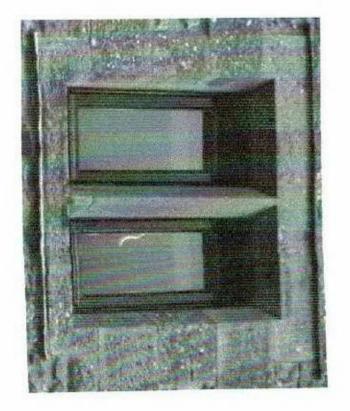
Location South ele

South elevation, second floor

entral

Bathroom window





Installation

Timber frames

Description

Two-light window

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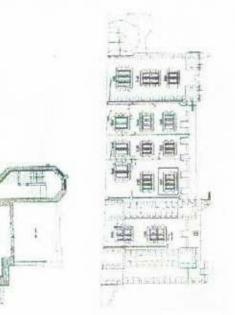
4.34 Window WS4

Location

South elevation, second floor east-

nost

Bedroom window





Installation

Timber frames

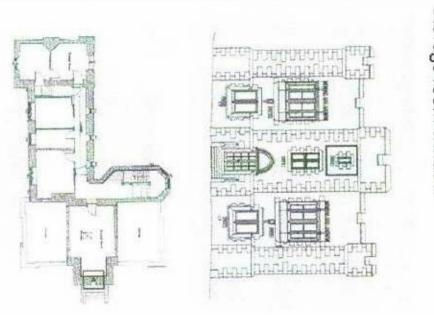
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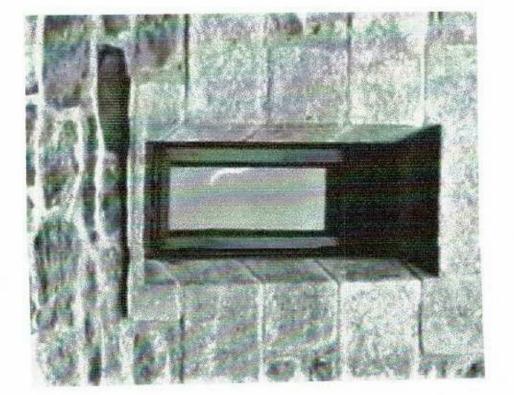
n 3-light window

4.35 Window WS5

Location

East elevation, central second floor Storage room window





Installation

Timber frames

Single light window

Description

4.36 Window WS6

Location

elevation, second floor stairwell North-west corner of north





Installation

Cast Iron frames

Description

a light

b light

Opener Fixed light

c light Fixed light

d light

Opener

4 no. @ 380 x 910mm

Dimensions

a light Inoperable

Condition

cracked

b light

Rusting at base, glass

c light d light Sound

Inoperable with

Proposed

works

Refurbish c light in-situ

Remove a, b & d for refurbishment. modern stay attached





4.37 Window WS7

Location

North elevation, second floor

corridor window





Installation

Timber frames

Description

Opener

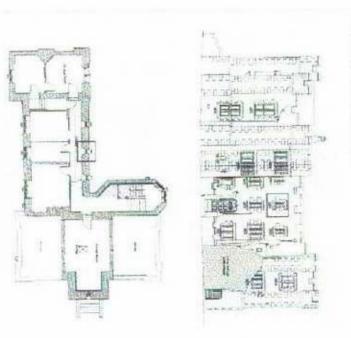
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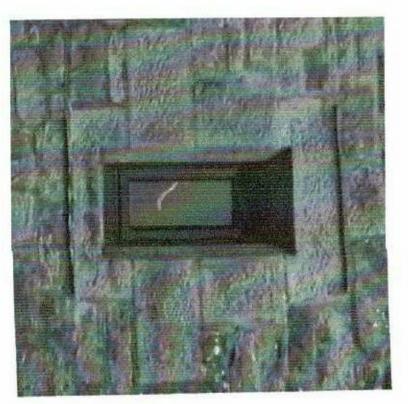
4.38 Window WS8

Location

North elevation, second floor

corridor window





Installation

Timber frames

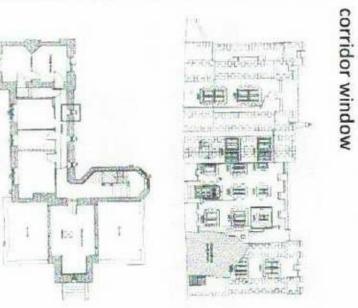
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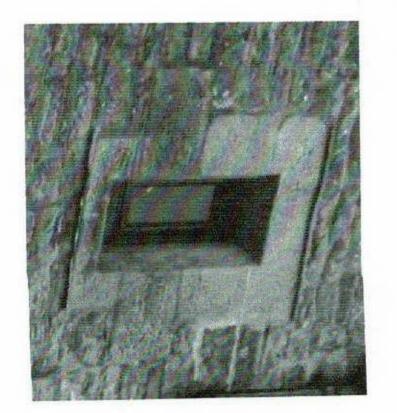
Opener

.39 Window WS9

Location

North elevation, second floor





Installation

Timber frames

Description Single light window, opener

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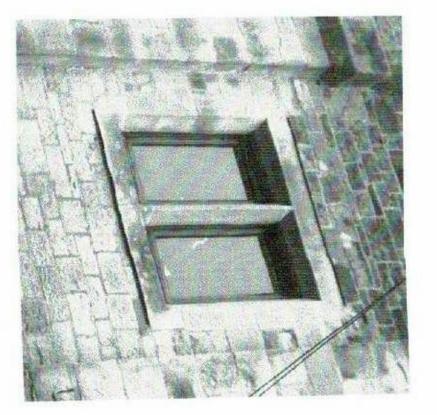
4.40 Window WS10

Location

North elevation, second floor

storage room window





Installation

Timber frames

Description

Two-light window

Concluding comments

otherwise stated. In general, the metal window frames in Bellister Castle are in reasonable condition unless

damage to the stonework surrounding the frames. against draughts. Rusting should not be left to progress unchecked as this can cause However, a process of refurbishment would greatly improve their operation and efficiency

process. Missing / damaged window furniture should also be replaced as part of the refurbishment

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Provisional Method Statement

Removal of Glazing

- Surrounding areas and fabric will be protected prior to any works.
- Detailed photographs sizes and templates to be taken in-situ.
- All glazing to be made safe prior to commencement of work.
- Remove mortar from stone grooves/ rebates.
- Remove screws from perimeter of frames.
- Carefully remove frames from openings by hand.
- Lower frames and glass to floor level by hand.

Restoration/ Repair of frames

- Take further photographs of frames.
- Remove all Furniture from both frames and set aside.
- Remove existing sheet glass from both frames and set aside.
- Detailed assessments of both frames will be carried out to establish extent of repairs.
- If necessary, repairs will be carried out using the appropriate materials.
- required finish. Frames will then be shot blasted to bare metal, prepared and then powder coated to the
- Re-fit original furniture or fit new to match the existing
- If possible, frames will be glazed with the original glass. Alternatively, the frames will be glazed with a suitable alternative.

In-situ Refurbishment of Frames

- Protect surrounding areas.
- Remove any loose paint and surface rust.
- Ease hinges and furniture.
- Prime and re-decorate with paint to match the existing.

Installation of Frames

- Surrounding areas and fabric will be protected prior to any works.
- Stone/ timber repairs to be carried out by others.
- Restored frames will be lifted manually into position.
- Frames will be fitted into the openings using plastic plugs and non-ferrous screws.
- will be over pointed with lime mortar. The perimeters of the frames will be sealed with an appropriate sealant, which once cured
- Glazing and frames will be thoroughly cleaned.