

Design and access statement

The proposed development is the installation of a skylight on the third floor of 6 Wallingwells Hall, Wallingwells, Worksop, S81 8BY, on a ceiling wall that is sloping and forms the internal wall supporting the roof elevation on the southern side of the building.

It is a suitable response to problems encountered with a build up of debris on the roof above the room in question that had resulted in internal water damage to a newly decorated room. Access to the roof to clear the debris had not been possible previously due to the structure of the roof, which is made up of several steep sloping sided rooves with deep gullies between. Access to the roof in question would mean traversing 3 or 4 steep sided rooves and associated gullies, which is a health and safety risk given the height of the building. With the installation of the skylight, it is now safe to access the roof directly from the room in question, thus allowing the on-going maintenance of the roof area and monthly removal of debris from the gullies in the roof, thus ensuring that rain and melt water flows away into the downpipe to the drains. The suitability of the design and location of the skylight enables an adult to have easy access to the roof, but safety is maintained in that the skylight has a lock installed as a safety device as well as a very secure and heavy wooden frame and thick glass. The skylight is a suitable response as it is a single pane, painted white and with a wooden frame that matches in appearance with the other three main windows in the room in which it is installed. It is a suitable response as it is not visible from outside of the building due to being obscured by the roof itself and a wall that also prevents any view of the adjacent property or garden thus protecting privacy for both properties. The skylight is a permanent fixture and is of excellent quality that guarantees it will be in place for a number of years thus meaning that it will be available for any future occupants or owners of the property.