

# HERITAGE STATEMENT

Planning application for

## Extension and minor improvements

**4, Lower Park,**

**Bewdley,**

**Worcestershire. DY12 2DP**

Heritage Category:	<b>Listed Building</b>	Grade:	<b>II</b>
List Entry Number:	<b>110793</b>	Date first listed:	<b>26-May-1986</b>
List Entry Name:	<b>4, LOWER PARK</b>	Statutory Address 1:	<b>4, LOWER PARK</b>
County:	<b>Worcestershire</b>	District:	<b>Wyre Forest</b>
Parish:	<b>Bewdley</b>	Grid Reference:	<b>SO 78832 74994</b>

### Introduction:

The proposed works at 4, Lower Park involve a series of alterations to the Grade II listed building. The aim is to enhance its functionality while preserving its architectural and historic significance. The proposed alterations include a small extension, re-roofing, window replacements, internal alterations, the installation of new wooden gates to replace existing iron gates, and the addition of a new wooden open porch to replace the deteriorated existing porch.

### Historical Context:

4, Lower Park is a significant example of early 18th-century architecture within the Bewdley parish, Worcestershire. Its construction dates back to this period, with subsequent modifications in the mid-19th and 20th centuries. The building's architectural features, including its brick construction, tile roof, and characteristic gable end stacks, contribute to its historic charm.

### Heritage Significance:

The property is designated as a Grade II listed building under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Its listing status acknowledges its special architectural and historic interest, protecting both the structure itself and any fixed objects or structures within its curtilage. The significance of 4, Lower Park lies in its embodiment of the architectural styles and building practices of its respective periods, reflecting the social and cultural context of Bewdley's history.

### Proposed Works:

1. *Small Extension:* The proposed extension is designed to harmonize with the existing architectural elements of the building, respecting its scale, materials, and design characteristics. It will provide additional space while ensuring minimal visual impact on the listed structure.
2. *Re-roofing:* The re-roofing aims to maintain the building's structural integrity and protect it from weathering and decay. Careful selection of materials and craftsmanship will ensure compatibility with the original roof while addressing any issues of deterioration.
3. *Window Replacements:* Replacement of windows will adhere to conservation principles, utilizing timber frames and traditional craftsmanship to replicate the appearance of the original windows. This will enhance energy efficiency while preserving the building's historic character.
4. *Internal Alterations:* Internal modifications will be undertaken sensitively, respecting the building's original layout and features. Any alterations will be reversible and sympathetic to the historic fabric of the property.
5. *Installation of New Wooden Gates:* The proposed replacement of existing iron gates with wooden gates to the west and north entrances will contribute to the overall aesthetic of the property. The choice of wood reflects traditional materials and ensures consistency with the historic context.
6. *New Wooden Open Porch:* Addition of a new wooden open porch will replace the deteriorated existing porch, providing both functional and aesthetic improvements while maintaining architectural coherence with the original structure.

**Conclusion:** The proposed works at 4, Lower Park seek to balance the need for modernization with the imperative to conserve and protect its heritage value. By adhering to best practices in heritage conservation and working closely with relevant authorities, the proposed alterations will enhance the building's usability while safeguarding its architectural and historic significance for future generations.