



BIDSTON LIGHTHOUSE & COTTAGES, BIDSTON, PRENTON, WIRRAL for Private Client

Ainsley Gommon was approached by the client to undertake the internal reordering and repairs to this Grade II listed building. Completed in 1873 the Lighthouse and cottages were in operation as a lighthouse and electric telegraph station until 1913 & 1914 respectively before becoming a multifamily residence in 1935, following its purchase by Birkenhead Corporation. After many years as a domestic property, in various forms, the property is now entirely a single private residence and heritage venue.

The client wished to create a bed-sit within the northern cottage with its own private external entrance as well as a secure internal access via the remaining cottages. It was also requested to provide a secure route to the lighthouse via the central entrance of the cottages in order to minimise disturbance to the private residence by the general public during heritage open days. A dedicated WC and Sunroom were incorporated into this space for public use.

As well as the internal re-ordering it was requested to gain approval for the replacement of the existing cast iron external door to the lantern room, on the top floor of the lighthouse, with a more sympathetic half glazed timber door, the existing door has caused significant damage to the surrounding stonework as well as blocking fantastic clear views of the Liverpool skyline beyond.

Listed building consent was granted for the internal works and repair works in Spring 2017.

Value: Undisclosed
Completed: Autumn 2017
Commission: Survey & Design