

PROJECT BRIEF

Millers Dale Station is located on the Monsal Trail adjacent to the main pay and display car park within Millers Dale Conservation Area. The building was once used as the ticket office when the railway was operational. To the side of the station building is an open compound where the septic tank is located. A stone façade with window apertures fronts the compound with the rear being fenced and gated. Attached to the compound is the engine shed which is in an extremely poor state of repair. The roof was removed many years ago leaving the tops of the walls exposed. This had resulted in the top two metres of masonry becoming damaged through vegetation growth and frost. It is now unstable and requires an extensive renovation programme

The building is currently used as a ranger base and a workshop for the Countryside Management Team. Accommodation includes office space, a mess room with a small kitchen and a large workshop incorporating a WC. All of the windows have had the glazed panels replaced with timber boards for security and privacy. Attached are the public toilets which are to remain as existing.

The Authority re-opened the tunnels along the Monsal Trail 5 years ago, linking Bakewell with Blackwell it is now one of the most visited sites in the National Park with a 600% increase in visitor numbers since the tunnels opened.

The lighting for the tunnels is powered from the distribution board located within the existing workshop. This is a single phase supply which will require a three-phase upgrade to accommodate the additional electrical demand from the proposed change of use.

Proposal

The intention is to carry out a full refurbishment programme to convert the station building into a café. Works to include;

- Strip out of existing fixtures and finishes
- New external windows and doors
- Removal of wall to existing WC
- Erection of blockwork to form new staff WC and café kitchen
- Removal of wall between existing workshop and mess room
- Opening up and possible relining of chimney. Installation of log burner, fire surround and tiled hearth.
- Removal of existing electrics. Rewire
- Installation of containerised wood pellet bio-mass heating system and radiators
- New flooring
- Supply and fit of bespoke POS counter
- Supply and fit new cloakroom suite
- Supply and fit extraction unit in café kitchen

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- Supply and fit kitchen units and appliances
- Internal and external decoration
- Supply and fit loft insulation
- External timber repairs
- Rebedding of ridge tiles and minor roof repairs
- Installation of concrete lintels

The building has been split into three zones.

Zone 1

Main entrance into the café where the café POS counter will be located. New staff WC will be located in the same area as the existing WC utilising the existing foul waste. Part of the existing wall dividing this area with zone 2 is to be removed to link zones 1 and 2 together.

The POS area will have painted match board to the front of the counter. Above the rear counter the wall will be tiled up to the height of a single shelf. Above the shelf we propose to erect the 'Millers Dale' railway sign.

The lighting in this area will be enamelled ceiling pendants with LED spotlights over the rear POS counter and in the staff WC. Flooring should be hardwearing and easy to clean therefore a wood effect vinyl flooring has been specified.

Patch plastering will be required where new power sockets have been installed.

Walls and ceilings to be decorated throughout.

The door into the new café kitchen will lead off from zone 1.

Zone 2

Informal dining area with a single external door with an internal door leading into a further dining area. Blockwork is to be erected to form the new café kitchen. The dining side of this wall is to be timber clad.

To facilitate the new café a new commercial kitchen is to be provided. This will be mainly free standing stainless steel preparation benches. A sink, dishwasher, cooker, refrigeration and extraction will be provided by the Client, however any remaining appliances are to be supplied by the operator.

Patch plastering will be required where new power sockets have been installed.

The same vinyl flooring used in zone 1 will flow through into this area.

Lighting to be enamelled ceiling pendants and wall lights

Walls and ceilings to be decorated.

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Zone 3

Lounge/dining area. There is currently a single emergency exit leading onto the platform from the existing office. This is to be part blocked and glazed so match the external timber units. We hope to open up the chimney and install a multi fuel stove with a tiled hearth and surround. It is likely that the flue will require lining.

All the walls in this room will be timber panelled to a height of 950mm and painted in Venetian Red. Above the panelling the walls should be covered in a damask style wallpaper.

Lighting to be enamelled ceiling pendants and wall lights

Patch plastering will be required where new power sockets have been installed.

Walls and ceilings to be decorated.

The flooring will be wood effect vinyl.

Externally

There is some damage to the barge boards, soffit cladding and rafter feet. Sympathetic repairs will be required before these areas can be decorated. All the eaves will have to be netted to prevent any returning House Martins attempting to build nests whilst the works are being carried out.

Rainwater goods should be cleaned of any debris, moss and vegetation and repaired or replaced where there is evidence of splits and cracks.

The ridge tiles should be lifted and re-bedded and any slipped, damaged or missing tiles to be dealt with accordingly.

The area immediately outside the proposed new entrance into the café will require ramping up slightly to provide a level threshold access.

The style of the refurbishment will reflect décor of the 1940's-50's with the colour scheme reflecting the standard LMS colours of that era.

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Example of enamelled pendant light



Example of Wall panelling to walls in zone 3



Example of wall light



Example of column radiator