

5-7 Market Place

Project Brochure



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At the heart of Pontefract's historic town centre, this once-proud building is being reimagined for modern use, while honouring its rich past.

Now falling into disrepair, 5 Market Place will be brought back to life with flexible commercial space - perfect for one or two vibrant businesses, whilst the floors above will be converted into high spec, efficiently designed studio apartments.

Through this project we aim to reconnect the building with the community, create sustainable living, and support economic growth in Pontefract's town center.



Breathing new life back into this historic building

Our proposal

5 Market Place is currently sitting empty and falling into disrepair, a once-proud building is now at risk of permanent loss and dilapidation. Our vision is to bring it back to life.

We're proposing a full and sensitive restoration, including repair of the damaged interior and the historic façade, ensuring the building's character is protected & celebrated.

On the ground floor, we'll introduce flexible commercial units designed to support local businesses and increase footfall in the town centre.

On the upper floors, we'll create stylish, well designed studio apartments for Pontefract residents -high-quality, secure, self-contained homes, tailored to professionals, key workers, and those seeking stylish town centre living.

This is not just about restoring bricks and mortar — it's about reinstating purpose, reviving local pride, and ensuring this beautiful building has a long, sustainable future.



Vibrent Pontefract.

Be part of Pontefract's revival in a beautifully restored heritage building, right in the town centre. With high footfall, flexible space, and growing local investment, it's the perfect spot to launch, grow, or elevate your business in a community that values local enterprise.



Ground Floor

Ground Floor Plan:

⊕ One large or two small commercial units.

The ground floor will be fully refurbished to create flexible commercial units, ideal for one larger business or two smaller independent spaces. Perfect for a café, wedding boutique, beautician, medical professional, or solicitor—these units offer a unique opportunity to trade from a character-filled, high-footfall location in the heart of Pontefract.

⊕ Basement with original bank vault.

The basement retains its original bank vault, offering both historic charm and functional space. Ideal for secure stock storage, a distinctive feature room, or even an amenity area for staff, this space provides flexibility while preserving a unique piece of the building's heritage.

⊕ One bedroom ground floor apartment.

Discreetly positioned at the rear of the building, will situate a 1-bedroom apartment offering privacy, comfort, and convenience. Featuring its own private rear access, and a thoughtful layout, it's ideal for a professional or key worker seeking secure, stylish living in the heart of Pontefract.

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We're
looking for
commercial
tenants.



Commercial Tenants Wanted

We invite commercial tenants to be part of something special.

At 5–7 Market Place, Pontefract, we're offering commercial unit/s within a striking Grade II listed former bank — right at the heart of the town centre.

Position your business in a location that blends historic character with modern opportunity. With strong daily footfall, growing local investment, and a mix of national and independent neighbours, this is a chance to build your brand in a place full of potential.

Whether you're in healthcare, aesthetics, legal services, wellbeing, therapy, finance, or retail, these spaces are designed to work around you.

The space is currently undergoing refurbishment, offering flexibility and a rare chance to shape the layout to suit your business.

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First & Second Floor Plans:

⊕ Luxury studio apartments.

Each self-contained studio apartment at 5 -7 Market Place is thoughtfully designed to blend timeless Georgian character with modern comfort. From bespoke kitchenettes and warm herringbone flooring, each with en-suites and quality lighting, these homes offer refined, independent living for professionals, key workers, and those who value design and detail.



Stylish
Town
Centre
Living with
Amenities
on Your
Doorstep.

First & Second Floor

“Creating
happy
homes.

At Maskill Investments, we believe everyone deserves a home that feels safe, considered, and genuinely welcoming. We create thoughtful spaces where style and comfort go hand in hand—because value should never mean compromise.

Benefits for Pontefract

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We're hoping
this
development
will breathe
new life into a
much-loved
building and
support
Pontefract's
town centre in
the following
ways:

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More homes

- ⊕ **Creation of high-quality studio apartments** for professionals, key workers, and residents who want secure, stylish town-centre living.
- ⊕ **Restoring vacant upper floors** into usable homes helps tackle the local housing shortage.

Boost for Local Economy

- ⊕ **New jobs created** through construction, refurbishment, and ongoing building management.
- ⊕ **Long-term employment** opportunities for commercial tenants (e.g. healthcare, retail, beauty, legal).
- ⊕ **Increased daily footfall** to the town centre, supporting nearby shops, cafés, and services.
- ⊕ **Encouraging independent businesses** & entrepreneurs to thrive in a prime, character-filled location.

Community Benefits

- ⊕ **Preserving and celebrating** a historic Grade II listed building.
- ⊕ **Protecting the building's long-term future:** repairing the leaking roof, replacing damaged timbers, and giving the frontage a sensitive facelift.
- ⊕ **With residents occupying the upper floors,** the building will be actively maintained and safeguarded against falling into disrepair — a problem common with unused town-centre properties.
- ⊕ **Safer, well-lit, and secure spaces** in the heart of Pontefract.
- ⊕ Attracting new residents who will shop, dine, and socialise locally.

Collaboration & Support

We'd love to partner with the people and businesses of Pontefract to make this project a success.

Local businesses: We welcome opportunities to work together, whether that's offering our residents discounts or promoting your services in our welcome pack.

Residents: Your thoughts and feedback are important. We'd be glad to hear from you and to welcome you in once the works are complete.

“ Our mission.

We are proud to be breathing new life into this stunning building — not simply preserving its past, but reimagining its future. Our plans, now in the hands of the local planning authority, reflect a deep respect for its architectural character, paired with a vision for modern, high-quality living - giving this building a sustainable future.

We aim to deliver thoughtfully designed, value-driven homes that blend luxury and convenience for today's residents. At the same time, we are creating flexible commercial space to support independent businesses, foster entrepreneurship, and enhance the local experience.

This regeneration will do more than restore bricks and mortar — it will create new jobs, stimulate economic growth, and help build the already existing vibrant, inclusive community hub in the heart of the town centre.

About us:

A little about us, I'm Jodie. I run our small family property business with support from my husband, Tom. What we do is rooted in care — for people, for places, and for the community around us. I volunteer as a listening Samaritan, and support their school outreach program - going into schools to talk about mental health, I'm a governor at our son's primary school, and giving back and supporting the community is important to me. I care about creating homes that feel good to live in, and doing work that has a positive impact locally.

Tom's the CEO of a biotech recruitment company in Leeds. He's enjoys football (Leeds United, of course), loves his golf, and volunteers with Zarach — a charity that makes sure children don't go without a bed. We've been together 18 years and we've built the business together, I take the lead on the business day to day, but we're both passionate about our mission - to create as many 'happy homes' for as many people as we can.

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Get in Touch

Interested in this project or occupying one of our commercial units? Get in touch — we'd love to hear from you.

Want a nosey, chatter, share your thoughts - get in touch:

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