

## **Rear Doors Information Sheet**

All exterior doors in your house and outhouse buildings, whether at the front, sides or rear of your property, are protected features and contribute to the character of the village as a whole. The original doors were built of solid hardwood and if well-maintained, could last for hundreds of years. Given the heritage value of the doors and their significant contribution to the character of the houses, best practice is to repair the original doors rather than to replace them. Replacement will require Listed Building Consent from Wirral Council and permission from Port Sunlight Village Trust (PSVT).

For information about what to look for when assessing the condition of your exterior doors, maintenance tips and thermal improvements, see **Exterior doors information sheet**.

### *Rear doors only – LLBCO*

The Port Sunlight Local Listed Building Consent Order (LLBCO) was adopted in 2015 to support Port Sunlight residents to address enforcement issues at the backs of their houses. The LLBCO includes the design and specification of five different back door types. To qualify to use the LLBCO, the existing door must be either severely deteriorated (more than 3/5<sup>th</sup> beyond repair) or inappropriate. If the existing door meets either or both of these threshold criteria, consent to replace the door can be granted through the LLBCO. For more information about the LLBCO, please see <http://www.wirral.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-permission/port-sunlight-local-listed-building-consent-order>.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with PSVT if you'd like to discuss door replacement or repair. The Asset Manager (Conservation) can come and look at the door and assess whether it is original, capable of repair or draught-proofing. You could also email photos which we can comment on. Contact Asset Manager (Conservation) by telephone on 0151 644-4813 or by email to [conservation@portsunlightvillage.com](mailto:conservation@portsunlightvillage.com)

### *Lead paint advisory:*

Paints found in older buildings may contain lead. Lead can be harmful to health, particularly for children. Sometimes lead paint has been covered by later, modern paints. If you are unsure if the paint used in your house (including windows, doors, walls, trim and other surfaces) contains lead, it should be assumed to be present and precautions should be taken when stripping, sanding or otherwise preparing painted surfaces.