



4B) Kelham Island, Sheffield

- Sheffield
- Market Sale
- 5000+ population



Kelham Island, a manmade landmass in the River Don, is one of Sheffield's oldest manufacturing sites. Following industrial decline in the latter half of the 20th-century, the area became neglected, before its recent revival as a vibrant cultural hub and popular new urban neighbourhood.

The historic remains of numerous red brick cutlery and steelworks give the area a distinct character, enhanced by a number of old and new murals and graffiti art.

Regeneration and evolution have occurred at a natural, steady pace on the island, with careful retention of heritage and a gradual reputational rise. Importantly, Sheffield Council has zoned a significant area for industrial and craft uses, retaining long-standing businesses and ensuring the historic manufacturing community of Kelham Island is not uprooted.

In 1982 the council opened Kelham Island Industrial Museum in a former power station. The museum was a catalyst for change in the area, and shortly afterwards Kelham was declared an industrial conservation area.

Kelham Island has long been at the forefront of Sheffield's brewing industry, with multiple micro-breweries and real ale pubs beginning to draw a wider market, and becoming a destination for 'The Sheffield Ale Trail'. The area now entices much of Sheffield's night-time economy, with a host of food and drink outlets, and music and events venues such as Yellow Arch Studios. Peddler's monthly street food night market attracts a large crowd, while The Cutlery Works food hall houses a more permanent choice of refreshments in a unique post-industrial setting.

A range of art galleries and creative studios, shops, cafes and an indoor skate park also draw daytime visitors, and the area is fast becoming a popular tourist attraction, as well as a dynamic place to live.

There are now nearly 5,000 people living in residential pockets throughout the neighbourhood, bringing old mill buildings back to life and redevelopment wastelands. New buildings respect the industrial street pattern and building scale. The largest new development is Little Kelham, which provides a range of contemporary energy, efficient housing, and offers a range of private and shared garden spaces.



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DISTINCTIVENESS



CULTURE



DIVERSITY



HOUSING



WALKING & CYCLING