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Work has started on the restoration of Rosetta Cottages by Clanmil Housing Group's new Hearth Heritage Division. The landmark terrace, at the junction of Belfast's Ormeau and Ravenhill Roads, was built in the early 1800s and is thought to be some of the oldest houses within the Belfast City area.

The project will see the restoration of six of the grade 2B listed cottages, which have lain vacant for the past 20 years, to create two family homes.

The cottages were acquired by Hearth Housing Association in 2012 by which time they had fallen derelict. The project is the first to be carried out by Clanmil's new heritage division which was created following its merger in December 2016 with Hearth, which specialised in building conservation.

The cottages were once known as Saddler's Row as farmers stopping at the nearby toll house on their way into the city would call on the saddlers who lived there to buy harnesses or have equipment repaired.

Siobhan Brown, Development Manager at Clanmil's Hearth Heritage Division said:

“We are delighted that this project has started. The cottages are a well-known landmark on a busy arterial route into the city and people are very keen to see them refurbished and brought back into use as family homes.

“The restoration will take just under a year to complete and we will be retaining the cottages’ original character on the outside. Inside, while the cottages will be renovated to suit modern family life, as many original features as possible will be restored such as architraves, skirtings and sash windows.

“We can’t wait to be able to hand the homes over to families who need them and who’ll bring new life back into these wonderful historic cottages.”