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**Historic house and ‘clock barn’ at Leeds stately home to go under the hammer**

A five-bedroom stone cottage and a grade II listed 17th century barn, at Farnley Hall in south west Leeds, are to be sold at auction by Leeds City Council in December, with a guide price of £200,000.

The properties, which are being sold as a single lot, are described as being in need of “comprehensive refurbishment” and are set in the rolling Farnley Hall estate, overlooking 40 acres of parkland, landscaped in the 19th century.

Farnley Hall, built as a manor house in Elizabethan times and redeveloped in the 18th century, was the home of the Danbys whose most famous family member was Leeds’ first mayor Thomas Danby, after whom Thomas Danby College in the city is named.

The hall was acquired by Leeds City Council in 1945 and is now parks and countryside HQ for the local authority.
Although in a dilapidated state, the barn was built in the 17th century and has been designated a listed building due to distinctive features such as its handmade red-brick walls and a stone clock face on the barn’s southern side.

The cottage, which has views over the parkland, has five bedrooms and is in need of complete renovation.

Rob Limbert, director of auctions at property consultant Eddisons, which is auctioning the cottage and barn, said: “Despite its state of disrepair this is a really unusual property which is part of Leeds’ history. There are not many houses that overlook a former deer park and to have views like this within a stone’s throw of the city centre will make this a renovation project well worth doing for whoever makes the winning bid.”

More information on the house and clock barn is available at www.Eddisons.com/property-auctions/

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Pictures show: Farnley Hall, Leeds

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