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Dear Ms Plant

Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2015

THE SHURB CLUB, TORR VALE MILL, TORR VALE ROAD, NEW MILLS, SK22 3HS

Application No. HPK/2021/0119

Thank you for your letter of 7 May 2021 regarding the above application for listed building consent. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Torr Vale Mill is a grade II* listed grade in light of its more than special national historic and architectural character and interest, placing it within the top 8% of listed buildings in England. The complex is of particular important as a near-complete example of a multi-phase integrated cotton spinning and weaving factory, described in the list description as a rare survival. The mill complex with attached weir, sluice gates, watercourse features and boundary treatments, date from c.1790 with major alteration and additions in 1860. We refer you to the Torr Vale Mill Conservation Plan (2001), which considers the relative significance of the mill complex.

Historic England have been engaged on this site over a number of years, providing advice in conjunction the owner, local planning authority and various partners, working towards bringing the buildings back into appropriate and sustainable new uses and removing them from the Heritage at Risk register.

The proposed scheme relates to the ground floor of the Old Mill building and the attached link block. Having reviewed the supporting information, we are content to defer to your specialist Conservation Officer in relation to the proposed alterations. However, one aspect that we would, in particular, draw your attention to is the proposed set of awnings to cover the courtyard area. These would appear to be out of character with the industrial building and furthermore would not provide an effective covering. We would therefore advise that you encourage the applicant to re-consider this aspect of the proposal.



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Our advice is given in line with the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, the NPPF the Planning Practice Guidance and the Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning - notes 1-3.

Recommendation

Historic England has concerns regarding the application on heritage grounds. Our concerns relate to the proposed awning, we advise that this aspect of the scheme is reconsidered. We are however content to defer to the expertise of your in-house conservation officer in relation to this and the remaining proposals.

In determining this application you should bear in mind the statutory duty of section 16(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to have special regard to the desirability of preserving listed buildings or their setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which they possess and section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas.

Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

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