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APPLICATION : HPK/2022/0335
LOCATION: Mount Pleasant Chapel Spring Bank New Mills
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT Preservation and stabilisation of former chapel structure, construction of a new dwelling, conversion of former Sunday school to Class E (cafe), landscaping and associated works.

Dear Declan.

Thank you for consulting on this application. The proposed development area contains the partially extant remains of the New Mills Methodist Church (MDR12295) built in 1892 on the site of an earlier chapel, and lies within the New Mills conservation area (DDR7061). The building itself was gutted by fire in 1993 and has lain disused ever since. The Heritage Statement submitted with the application is comprehensive and informative and exercises good judgement.

Based on the information submitted with this application and the mitigation of development impacts recommended I am happy to approve this application but would request that an archaeological condition for further work, under Para 205 of NPPF be added to consent. Such a condition could read:

"No development shall take place until a Written Scheme of Investigation for Level 1 building recording and subsequent archaeological monitoring of ground works has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing, until all pre-start on-site elements of the approved scheme including Level 1 recording have been completed to the written satisfaction of the local planning authority, and until the provision to be made for analysis, reporting, publication and dissemination of the results and archive deposition has been secured. The Written Scheme of Investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and

1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording
2. The programme and provision for post-investigation analysis and reporting
3. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation
4. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation
5. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organization to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation"

These works would entail:

- Level 1 recording of the standing building and what remains of its interior.
- Archaeological monitoring and recording of the interior and exterior ground works.
- Archaeological report to encompass the building recording and the below ground archaeology.

The WSI should be compiled and implemented by a professional archaeological organisation/Heritage consultancy, preferably with ClfA accreditation and should be authored in consultation with this office.

I hope this is helpful.

Best regards

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