

Conservation Response.

Date: 21/06/2023.

File/Application ref: HPK/2023/0100.

Case Officer: Rebecca Bowers.

Proposal: 'Creation of a raised weather canopy over outdoor circulation space'.

Address: 26 30 SYLVAN COURT, Union Road, New Mills, Derbyshire, SK22 3EN.

Dear Rebecca,

Objection. Recommended refusal.

The proposal sees a tall contemporary canopy installed at a very high point marginally above roofline on these apartments. The drawings lack any details regarding what materials are proposed though the 3D images appear to show a reflective material.

The lay of the land in this vicinity sees a drop towards the south on Union Road, and in reverse of course this then sees this portion of Union Road quite aloft. The River Goyt affords this area to be fairly open and able to be viewed from various points, this is a concern due to this being a main approach toward the northerly part of the Conservation Area. Consequently it is seen as being a sensitive area vulnerable to visual conflict.

The proposal is a completely alien and random feature among the vernacular roofscapes of New Mills. I am not confident it would make any contribution to the simple character of the Conservation Area.

The Heritage Statement is quite poor and does not go into any exploration or detail acknowledging the existing historic character of the built environment. I don't believe there has been a sufficient assessment in order to thoroughly inform the proposal and mitigate any impact on the setting of the Conservation Area.

Regards,

Miss E Holland.
Conservation Officer.