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Site Address: Gas Works Site Horwich End New Road Whaley Bridge Derbyshire SK23 7JZ

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Comments: It is surprising that the commercial properties nearest to the site were not included in the list of notifications. Hence, these notes are necessarily submitted after the closing date for comments in the absence of timely knowledge of the application's submission.

The site is the former coke yard of the Horwich End Gas Works, hence the increased height of the wall to New Road in this area. Following the closure and part demolition of the gas works in the 1960s, this part of the larger site was used by a coal merchant for a number of years prior to becoming the yard of a builders' merchant.

It is good to read that the plans include for the retention of the stone setts though no mention appears to be made of the former air-raid shelter, doubtless constructed for the use of the gas works' employees during the second world war, the gas works being a particularly prominent and potentially vulnerable building. The condition of the shelter is probably too poor for it to be kept but it would seem that it would merit careful recording, being an important part of the area's history.

Mention is made of noise from nearby premises. It is an unfortunate fact that work to historic machinery does require traditional construction and repair methods which can be inherently noisy on occasion, including pneumatic rivetting, blacksmithing, grinding etc.

The site in question is prone to occasional flooding as a result of rainwater run-off from nearby fields, no doubt exacerbated by blocked gullies and grids, efforts having been made previously by gas boards and their successors in the form of additional grids and soakaways.

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