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Dear Mr Topping

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**4A RUTH STREET, NEWSOME, HUDDERSFIELD, HD4 6JF
Application No. 2019/91630**

Thank you for your letter of 5 July 2019 regarding the above application for planning permission. 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

Newsome Mills is a grade II listed, integrated textile mill complex comprising of a main mill block with attached clock tower and bell, weaving sheds, Tuscan archway, ancillary and administrative buildings.

The mill complex, constructed from hammer dressed stone, was erected in the late 19th century following the loss of the earlier woollen mill established by John Taylor in 1827. The new mill was described at the time of opening as “a splendid block of buildings, mills and weaving sheds of great extent and admirable arrangement.” The existing buildings operated as a worsted mill under the partnership of Taylor & Littlewood until its closure in 1983 having provided employment for generations of mill workers. A number of buildings were subsequently demolished including the chimney, boiler house and more recently weaving sheds.

The surviving buildings continue to be a prominent feature on the Huddersfield skyline. The structures form the major part of a significant worsted textile complex of the second half of the 19th century, an industry which was an important specialism within the nationally important textile industry. The clock tower in particular is an iconic landmark visible from many locations across the town and contributes strongly to the considerable communal value of the mill. In addition the clock tower and the attached archway are of architectural interest, being well executed and decoratively detailed, as well as being the centre around the remaining buildings are grouped.



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Having lain vacant for over 10 years, the mill suffered significant damage following a fire in November 2016 resulting in the partial demolition of the main range and last weaving sheds. Whilst the clock tower, archway, lodge and office building remain, the structures are exposed and in a deteriorating condition.

We are keen to find a solution for the site which would enable the repair and reuse of the listed buildings. We were initially only consulted on the planning application for the proposed new-build housing but we understand we are also to be consulted on planning and listed building consent applications for the mill buildings. It is important that any development on the site will also secure the repair and reoccupation of the listed buildings and the three applications are therefore to be considered together. We will provide a single response to all applications once we have received the consultations.

Recommendation

Historic England has concerns regarding the application on heritage grounds. We will provide further advice once we have had the opportunity to consider the associated applications for the listed mill buildings. In the meantime if you would like to discuss the proposals please do let me know.

Yours sincerely

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