

Consultation Response from KC, Conservation and Design
2020/90361 Fleece Farm, 15, Midway, South Crosland, Huddersfield, HD4 7DA
Demolition of existing livestock building and erection of new livestock building (Within a Conservation Area)
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Responding Officer: Sue Oakley
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Fleece Farm is located partially within the South Crosland Conservation Area, with a modern single storey dwelling in front of the farm buildings on land facing Midway, the main road through the village. To the rear of this are a number of agricultural buildings of varying ages, with a tall stone barn roofed in corrugated sheeting and stone slates located just inside the conservation area boundary, and a smaller structure constructed in stone and blockwork in front of this building, again with a mixture of stone slates and corrugated roofing.

The applicant proposes to demolish this smaller structure and construct a longer agricultural building on the same site and within the conservation area boundary. The proposed construction materials are concrete panels and curtain side walling, with grey roofing sheets with roof lights.

The stone element of the existing building is small in scale and although it is constructed in natural vernacular materials, it has little of architectural interest and is in poor condition. I consider this structure to make a neutral contribution to the character of the conservation area. The blockwork and corrugated roofed element is in a poor state of repair and is highly visible from the road, making a negative contribution. I have no concerns about the demolition of this building.

The proposed building is constructed in modern materials in a simple design and on larger scale than the existing. Due to the use of modern materials and loss of a small stone structure I would consider this to cause slight harm to the character of the conservation area. However, the new structure will be located behind the modern dwelling which will partially obscure it from view along the road, and the proposed building is set in front of another modern agricultural building in a similar style. As this is a working farm I consider the public benefits of providing this building for the welfare of livestock to outweigh the slight harm.

I have no objections to this proposal.