

Consultation Response from KC, Conservation and Design**2020/92067 former, Stile Common Infant & Nursery School, Plane Street, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6DF****Erection of 30 dwellings****Date Responded: 17/08/20 | Responding Officer: Craig McHugh | Responding Ref: HUD 48/13**

The proposed development site was considered to as part of the Local Plan process to be in an area that affects the setting of Castle Hill. A Heritage Impact Assessment is therefore required. This should take as its starting point the Castle Hill Setting Study, produced for Kirklees Council dated 2nd August 2016 and available at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/local-plan-supporting-local-evidence-2017.aspx>

Policy LP35 of the Local Plan requires that development proposals preserve the setting of Castle Hill where appropriate and proposals which detrimentally impact on the setting of Castle Hill will not be permitted.

Paragraph 189 of the NPPF requires that we should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary.

In this case, considering the important of Castle Hill and the complexity of its setting, the Heritage Impact Assessment should be undertaken by a specialist heritage consultant i.e. a Full Member of the IHBC or an IHBC Historic Environment Service Provider.