

Consultation Response from KC, Conservation and Design
2020/93105 Land adj Lockwood Road (A616) and Crowther/Albert Street Intersection

Highway development works to realign Lockwood Bar junction at Crowther Street, between Lockwood Road and Albert Street, with new pedestrian crossing facilities, removal of on-street car parking, improved bus stop facilities and public realm enhancements to Lockwood Road frontage

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There are a number of designated heritage assets, all Grade II listed, which are within the vicinity of the proposed highway works and these are listed below:

The terrace of listed buildings from 1-23 Bridge Street

The terrace at 2-10 Meltham Road

Lockwood Baptist Church adjacent to 250 Lockwood Road

29 Albert Street at the entrance to the Gatehouse Enterprise Centre opposite Crowther Street.

Albert Street is characterised by large scale textile mills built along the valley bottom, and although most of these are not listed buildings their association with the textile industry contributes to the identity of Huddersfield and several of them are considered to be non-designated heritage assets.

Enhancements to the public realm in this area are welcomed, including the following:

- Removal of the hand car wash canopy on Crowther Street which detracts from the predominantly stone character of this area, with sensitive landscaping which will enhance the setting of the surrounding industrial buildings and reveal their significance.
- Retention of the decorative lighting columns on Bridge Street and replacement of concrete columns with simple black columns.
- Removal of redundant equipment.
- Removal of the crossing outside the listed Lockwood Baptist Church including the barriers and signals, better enhancing the frontage of the church.
- Simplifying the footway surfacing to the front of the listed buildings at 1-23 Bridge Street and replacing the patchy and piecemeal finishes, with the use of buff tactiles where possible. Natural stone flags would be preferable to buff concrete flags on this footway; however, this is still an improvement on the existing finish.
- Creating soft landscaping areas where the current areas are cluttered and make a negative contribution to the character of the area.

The Conservation and Design Team have no further comments on this proposal and consider it to enhance the public realm in this area.