

Consultation Response from KC, Conservation and Design

2020/94191 Rectory Park, Church Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury, WF12 0JB

Installation of mining memorial wheel (within a Conservation Area)

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We should have regard to paragraph 200 of the NPPF which states local planning authorities should look for opportunities for new development within Conservation Areas and World Heritage Sites, and within the setting of heritage assets, to enhance or better reveal their significance. Proposals that preserve those elements of the setting that make a positive contribution to the asset (or which better reveal its significance) should be treated favourably.

Conservation and Design support the proposed development to commemorate the Thornhill Colliery Disaster of 1893 in which 106 people lost their lives. It is understood from publicity for the memorial on Facebook that alternate locations have been considered closer to the site of the Combs Pit, although this is not set out within the application documents. The proposed memorial would better reveal the significance of the Thornhill Conservation Area by making information about Thornhill's mining heritage more accessible. There are no concerns about the impact of the development on the setting of Thornhill Moated Site, a scheduled ancient monument.