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Our ref: P01448933
21 December 2021

Dear Mr Harrison

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

**RED HOUSE MUSEUM, 281 OXFORD ROAD, GOMERSAL, WEST YORKSHIRE
BD19 4JP**

Application No. 2021/94366

Thank you for your letter of 8 December 2021 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

The Red House is an important example of a 17th century house with later alterations and particularly good survival of 18th century interiors, according to the list description. The building is also of high social and historic value due to its association with Mary Taylor and her friend Charlotte Bronte.

The house's more recent use as a museum means it is without more recent interventions such as bathrooms and kitchens and we have some concerns about the impact these could have on the significance of the listed building, both internally and externally. Although a heritage statement is submitted with the application, we do not consider sufficient information has been submitted to fully understand the impact of the proposals on this significance. In particular, no photographs of the interiors are supplied so we are unable to assess the impact of interventions such as the proposed bathrooms and kitchens. We therefore consider the application does not satisfy the requirements of paragraph 194 of the National Planning Policy Framework. We recommend further information on the significance of the interiors is submitted in order to allow this assessment. We would also welcome the opportunity of visiting the site, if restrictions allow.

Recommendation

Historic England has concerns regarding the application on heritage grounds. We consider that the issues and safeguards outlined in our advice need to be addressed in order for the application to meet the requirements of paragraphs 194, 197 and 199 of the NPPF.



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In determining this application you should bear in mind the statutory duty of section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to have special regard to the desirability of preserving listed buildings or their setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which they possess.

Your authority should take these representations into account and seek amendments, safeguards or further information as set out in our advice. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely
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Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas



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