

Home-Start Kirklees planning application

Heritage and Design and Access Statement

We are seeking planning/listed building/advertising consent for a sign on Bates Mill on Queens Street South.

We are fully aware that the building, in which we are renting office accommodation for the next 10 years, is a grade 2 listed building and so we need to ensure that the signage by the entrance on Queen Street South is appropriate to its listed building status.

We have consulted with the planning department, the conservation department and two sign writers about various ideas for the signage and we have concluded based on the advice that we should seek to install a sign which is in keeping with the mill building and its age, which is discrete and which is suspended so that it can be seen walking up or down Queen Street South but does not hide the stonework of the mill. We have chosen a simple black bracket made of wrought iron for the suspended sign. We do not require illumination for the sign. The sign will not cover the fine ashlar door surround and will be mounted in the mortar joints rather than the stonework.

We have designed the graphics of the sign to include the national logo and colours for Home-Start, with a strap line on one side and our internet address on the other side. Photographs showing a mock-up of the sign in position and the part of the building where the sign will be located are included in the application documents, together with a location plan and scale-drawing of the sign.

Bates Mill is a large complex with a parking area in the middle, but the main entrance for people to access our activities will be a door on Queen Street South which has on either side steps and a ramp which will enable disabled access and access for our families with prams and trollies. Our application relates simply to this part of the building and we hope that you will agree that our proposed sign fits well with the look of the mill building.