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Hi Callum,

I recall this building!

Dewsbury and Batley were the centre of the recovered wool trade and the production of shoddy cloth. The grand architecture of Bradford Road often fronts buildings used in the less glamorous sorting and processing of cloth rags used in this trade. Potential areas of archaeological interest include evidence for powered processes, work stations and trap doors, used to sort and grade rags, in the upper floors of buildings.

A dangerous or inaccessible roof structures could potentially be recorded safely in by drone, rectified digital photography or when the trusses etc. are removed and placed safely on the ground. Local building records might also contain useful information on construction and uses.

In such cases we would accept a partial external record with a structural watching brief to record internal detail in the inaccessible areas.

This approach is a normal for archaeological and architectural building recording and was used recently at Greensides Mil Skelmanthorpe before demolition commenced.

The two phase approach could be included in the written scheme of investigation or added as a variation.

I hope this helps & happy to discuss further.

Best

David

