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Dear Mr Harrison

Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2021

**1-22 THE ARCADE, 14 & 16 CORPORATION STREET, 23 & 25 MARKET PLACE,
DEWSBURY, WEST YORKSHIRE WF13 1QG
Application No. 2023/91135**

Thank you for your letter of 3 May 2023 regarding the above application for listed building consent. 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

Dewsbury Arcade is a very interesting collection of buildings in a highly prominent part of Dewsbury Town Centre. Unfortunately the complex has been vacant and deteriorating for several years and we are keen to see a scheme secured here to support the wider aspirations of the Dewsbury Blueprint and the Heritage Action Zone. The complex comprises three separate listed buildings (all grade II) and is located in a prominent position in the Dewsbury town centre conservation area, adjacent to several other listed buildings.

We very much welcome the proposals for the repair, improvement and reuse of Dewsbury Arcade. The buildings can play a significant role in the vitality and attraction of Dewsbury town centre and the proposed uses are compatible with our vision for the area and the vision set out in various masterplans.

The plans have been varied to include an adjacent unit on the corner of Corporation Street and Foundry Street. This has the positive effect of relocating a lift into this larger unit and reducing the impact on the smaller bookend unit of the arcade. We therefore welcome this variation and are content for the application to be determined.

Recommendation

Historic England supports the application on heritage grounds.

We consider that the application meets the requirements of the NPPF, in particular paragraph number 197.

In determining this application you should bear in mind the statutory duty of section



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16(2) 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 and section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas.

Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely
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