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Listed Building consent  
Application number  
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1 - Façade Cladding:

The use of grey cladding on the elevation does not harmonize with the character of the local area. It is essential to consider alternative materials, such as stone, which would be more in line with the surroundings. To gain listed building consent, a comprehensive assessment should be provided, including images and websites showcasing the proposed materials. It is crucial to ensure that the chosen materials meet the required fire ratings, as limitations may arise if they do not comply with the necessary standards. To facilitate an effective evaluation, the following information should be included: 1:25 scale drawings, website links to the materials, and precedents of similar materials used within the Kirklees area. Providing residents with a 21-day comment period after this information is made available would encourage their input and feedback.

The mill's elevation currently lacks sympathy for its historical significance. To achieve a more positive outcome, the designer should draw inspiration from the buildings on Firth Street Canal Side East and West, carefully studying their elevation treatments and exploring ways to incorporate similar elements into the proposed design.

2 - Height and Massing:

While the proposal aims to align with the historic roofline, certain issues arise due to the proximity of the surrounding buildings, which have gradually encroached upon the mill over time. The once commercial area has now become more densely populated, with neighboring

properties reaching a maximum of two storeys. This excessive height will pose challenges, as balconies will intrude upon neighboring gardens and overlook the commercial area on Ruth Street. The privacy of houses located on 2-8 Hart Street will also be compromised by the presence of balconies overlooking their property and rear gardens. A solar study should be conducted to assess the shading effects of the proposed mill extension. Similar to the previous point, allowing residents a 21-day period to provide comments and feedback after receiving this information would facilitate a more inclusive and comprehensive decision-making process.