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Your Ref 2023/92448

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2024-41989

Monday 17 June 2024

Dear Ellie Thornhill,

Proposal: Further Information: Outline application for erection of B8 industrial unit

Location: Former Cooper Bridge Water Treatment Works, Leeds Road, Huddersfield

Waterway: Calder & Hebble Navigation

Thank you for your consultation on the additional details provided with respect to the above application.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

Based on the information available our substantive response (as required by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)) is the following general advice:

The Trust previously provided comments on this application in our letter dated 9th September 2023. Having reviewed the latest details, these comments remain relevant to the scheme and are summarised below:

Surface Water Drainage

The indicative details show that surface water drainage to Nun Brook is proposed. This flows into the River Calder. We request that, prior to the commencement of development, full details of pollution interceptors (indicated on the submitted details) and a maintenance regime should be provided, so as to ensure that the discharge would not result in pollution to the water environment. This would help ensure compliance with the general aims of paragraph 180 (part e) of the NPPF concerning the protection of the water environment from pollution.

Impact on the Character and Appearance of the River Corridor

The indicative parameters plan, and the indicative site block plan, submitted with the application shows a landscaped area to the east of the new building, between the new build and retained filtration tanks. The plans show that this would not extend to encompass the width of the whole building, stopping short of the North elevation. We request that, should the scheme be developed further beyond outline stage, that the final design should seek to incorporate a landscape buffer that extends across the entire width of the building, which would

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help to reduce the prominence of the building from long distance views from the river Calder, which could help retain the semi-natural character of the river corridor.

We believe the above request is in line with the aims of policy LP32 from the adopted Local Plan, which seeks to ensure that landscape character takes into account the appearance of rivers, canals, reservoirs and other water features within the landscape.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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