

Consultation Response from KC, Conservation & Design**2023/93170 Chain Farm, Chain Road, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5TZ****Listed Building Consent for replacement conservatory roof****Date Responded: 24.11.2023****Responding Officer: Sue Brooks****Responding Ref: CV 5/312**

Chain Farm at 1 Chain Road is a Grade II listed former barn (converted into a dwelling) which is situated at 90 degrees to Chain Road with the gable end directly adjacent to the footway. The building is constructed in hammer dressed stone with ashlar quoins and a stone slate roof. The conservatory, which was approved in 2000, is a single storey mono-pitch structure constructed against the west elevation and is highly visible from the road.

The existing conservatory is timber framed with stone parapet side walls and a polycarbonate roof set into a timber frame. The applicant proposes to replace this roof covering with lightweight artificial moulded PVC blue slates, with PVC gutters and three conservation style roof lights.

The Conservation and Design Team has no objections to the replacement of the existing roof covering and insertion of flush conservation rooflights. However, we have concerns about the proposed roof covering. The roof of the former barn is covered in natural stone slates, which are a typical vernacular material for this age and type of building within the Colne Valley. Introducing artificial PVC slates will detract from this character, particularly given the prominent nature of this roof pitch and its proximity to the footway.

We would recommend that more traditional roof coverings are explored and we would welcome reconsideration of this element of the proposal.