Consultation Response from KC, Conservation & Design
2024/92047 Parkwood Mills, Stoney Lane, Longwood, .Huddersfield, HD3 4ZQ
Installation of velux windows to the roof (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)
Date Responded: 14.8.2024 **Responding Officer: Sue Brooks** **Responding Ref: CV 391/0/10012**

These comments should be read alongside the associated listed building consent application 2024/92048.

This application proposes Velux windows on the roof of Building 9 at Parkwood Mills. This two-storey building is part of the Grade II listed Parkwood Mills complex, which is within the Longwood Edge Conservation Area. The building is in a prominent location within the mill complex, facing the junction of Stoney Lane and Grove Street, and the proposed rooflights are on the most prominent north-east pitch which is highly visible from the road.

Proposed plans and elevations have been submitted and show a double rooflight on the front pitch of the building, above bedroom 2. The site plan on the same drawing shows two pairs and two single rooflights and we presume this is a discrepancy.

The Heritage Statement assesses the impact of the proposed rooflights and concludes that:

'They would have a slight impact on the significance and setting of Historic Building 9 and would have a neutral impact on the mill complex as a whole and on Longwood Conservation Area, and the listed buildings in close proximity. The current conversion of the building into two residential units has meant that the structure has a long-term viable future and will remain as part of the wider mill complex.'

The Conservation and Design Team accepts that there is a need to convert this redundant building into a viable use, and we accept the conversion of the roof space into a bedroom. The rear roof pitch is less prominent and would be the preferred location for the rooflights from a heritage point of view, but this is overlooked by a six-storey mill building which has been converted into apartments.

We have slight concerns about installing roof lights into such a visible pitch and would suggest that new windows could be fitted in the gable end where they would be less prominent. We would encourage the applicant to explore this option and submit revisions.

If it can be clearly demonstrated that this is not a suitable option, we would make the following recommendations:

- The site plan on drawing 8548-ADS-XX-XX-DR-S-002 rev P3 shows 6 rooflights – this should be amended to show two.

- The type of roof light has not been specified, and we would accept a pair of conservation roof lights, set flush with the roof covering. Details of these, including the type and position can either be submitted prior to determination or required as a condition of the associated listed building consent.