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Our ref: P01583341

23 October 2024

Dear Ms Thornhill

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**PIAZZA CENTRE, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WALK, HUDDERSFIELD, WEST
YORKSHIRE HD1 2RS
Application No. 2024/92472**

Thank you for your letter of 3 October 2024 regarding the above application for planning permission. 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

The Our Cultural Heart initiative is an opportunity to produce a wealth of public benefits for Huddersfield. The scheme is proposed to create an urban park whilst better linking key designated heritage assets together through increasing permeability for the public in Huddersfield's *Heart*.

This consultation relates to varying condition 2 of the most recently consented scheme. This largely pertains to the library building and the reorganising the internal space and slightly amending the proposed extension.

Neither of these aspects of the varied plans raise concerns for Historic England. We would maintain that the development team have contained any level of harm to 'less than substantial' and therefore would encourage to the local authority to weigh this harm against the public benefits which are considered to arise from the proposal as per para. 208 of the NPPF.

Overall, Historic England remains very supportive of this regenerative scheme which seeks to enhance this area of Huddersfield whilst preserving the most significant elements of the surrounding listed buildings.

Recommendation



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Historic England supports the application on heritage grounds.

We consider that the application meets the requirements of the NPPF, in particular paragraph numbers 205, 206, and 208.

In determining this application you should bear in mind the statutory duty of section 66(1) 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.

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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