
Turnbridge Mills, Quay Street, Huddersfield:

Written scheme of investigation

for recording buildings B, C, D1, E and G

Kirklees Council, planning refs: 2025/91122 & /91645 draft condition 3

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This written scheme of investigation (WSI) sets out the proposed methodology for recording buildings B, C, D1, E and G at Turnbridge Mills. The current planning and listed building consent applications are for:

“Redevelopment of site for mixed-use E(g) (i, ii and iii) and B8 including: demolition of buildings and re-cladding of southern elevation of retained adjoining building; retention, conversion and renovation of existing mill/office/workshop/engine house building including alterations; erection of two new buildings; formation of two vehicular access points, service yard and parking areas; and other associated works”.

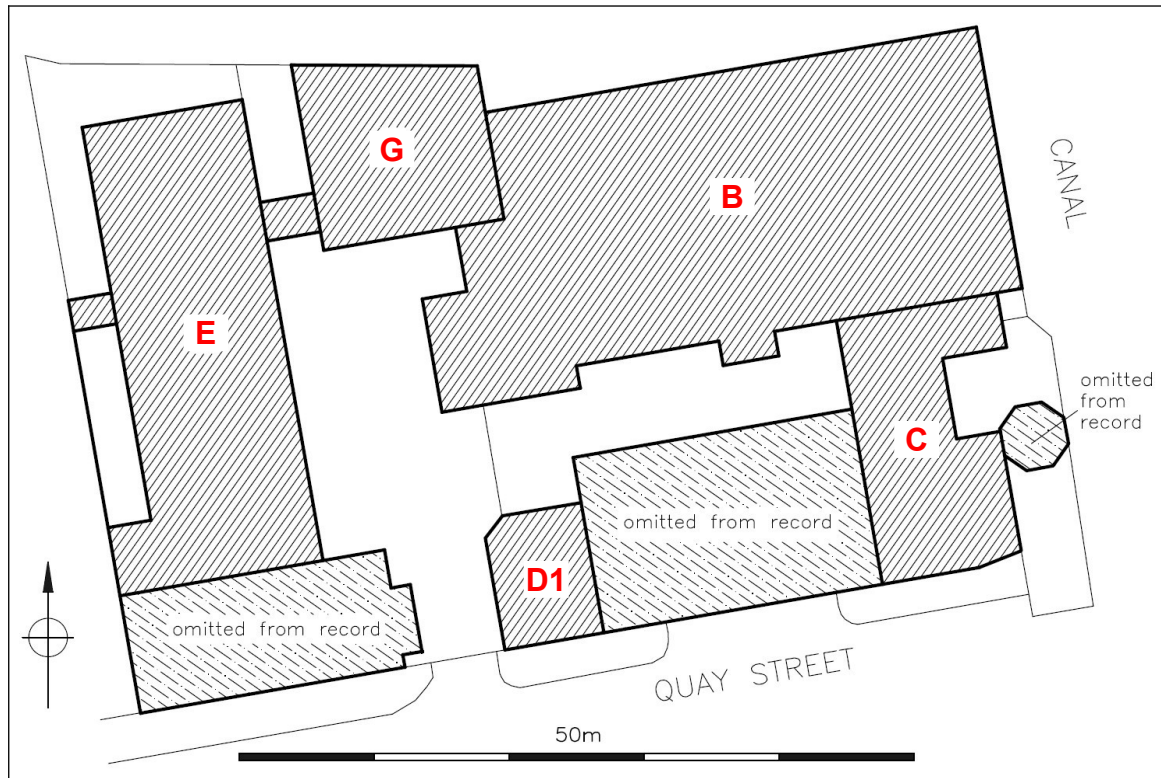
- 1.2 The present draft condition no. 3 for both applications seeks to ensure that appropriate building recording of certain named components of the site is carried out before demolition (specifically Buildings B, C, D1, E and G). The council has confirmed that this can take the form of a Level 2 record for Building B, and a Level 1 record for C, D1, E and G. These buildings are identified in the plan below.

- 1.3 The present scheme of investigation sets out how this will be achieved.

2 Proposed recording method

Building B

- 2.1 Building B (Grade II listed spinning block, also known as Hirst’s Mill) will be subject to a Level 2 (“descriptive”) record, as set out in *Understanding Historic Buildings: a guide to good recording practice* (Historic England 2016, p26). The Historic England guidance advises that *“both the exterior and interior of the building will be seen, described and photographed. The examination of the building will produce an analysis of its development and use and the record will include the conclusions reached, but it will not discuss in detail the evidence on which this analysis is based.”*



Buildings to be recorded

- 2.2 In terms of drawings, the record for building B will comprise a set of floor plans, based on those provided with the planning applications, but augmented and enhanced to show significant detail relating to the building's historic function. The photographic record will comprise general photographs of the building and its setting, and a thorough survey of the exterior and interior, including detailed photographs of specific features of interest relating to the building's historic use.

Buildings C, D1, E and G

- 2.3 Buildings C (Boiler and Economiser Houses), D1 (two-storey, three-bay workshop), E (Mill/Warehouse) and G (Cotton Store) are less significant components of the site and will be subject to a Level 1 ("basic visual") record (Historic England 2016, p25). The guidance advises that such a record *"generally be of exteriors only, though the interior of a building may sometimes be seen in order to make a superficial inspection and to note significant features."*
- 2.4 In terms of drawings, the Level 1 record will use the existing topographical survey to depict the outlines of the buildings recorded, though where particular areas of interest merit it, further drawings (eg sketch plans) will be made. The photographic record will comprise external photographs of each building and its setting, and one or more view of each interiors, depending on the architectural or historic interest.

- 2.5 The photographic record will be made using a digital camera with a resolution of 12 mega pixels, in JPG format. Detailed photographs will contain a graduated photographic scale.

3 Report

- 3.1 Following site work, a report will be produced within one month. It will be illustrated appropriately, with location maps, survey drawings, photographs, and photograph location plans. It will also include a section on the historical development of the site, which will draw on the extensive information provided in the heritage statement¹ provided with the applications.
- 3.2 The report will be supplied to the local planning authority, the West Yorkshire Historic Environment Record, and to OASIS², from where it is expected to be published to the Archaeology Data Service Library.
- 3.3 Deposition of the report with the Historic Environment Record by Stephen Haigh will implicitly give permission for the material presented within it to be used by the West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service in perpetuity, although Stephen Haigh will retain the right to be identified as the author of all project documentation and reports as specified in the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (chapter IV, section 79). The permission will allow the WYAAS to reproduce material, including for commercial use by third parties, with the copyright owner suitably acknowledged.

4 Archive

- 4.1 The project archive will comprise a full set of photographic image files and will be submitted to the Archaeology Data Service.

5 Personnel

- 5.1 All work will be undertaken personally by Stephen Haigh MA, a buildings archaeologist with many years experience of investigating and recording historic buildings including those associated with the West Yorkshire textile industry.

¹ Humble Heritage 2025 *Turnbridge Mills, Quay Street, Huddersfield: Heritage Statement for Proposed Warehouse, Quay Street*

² An online reporting form to provide information about archaeological investigations to Historic Environment Records, etc <https://oasis.ac.uk/>

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