

**Ms Jillian Rann**

Kirklees Council Planning Department

Via email

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Dear Ms Rann

**RE: 2025/65/91645/W | Turnbridge Mills, Quay Street, Huddersfield, HD1 6QT (Grade II, 1871-3). Application for demolition and redevelopment.**

Thank you for consulting the Victorian Society on this application. Having considered the proposal carefully, we **object** to these plans in their current form.

Built in 1871-3, Turnbridge Mills is a collection of independently listed buildings, which together create an important and characterful area just outside of Huddersfield town centre and on Kirklees Council's 'Station to Stadium' development corridor. The Grade II-listed mill buildings (listed this year), the Grade II chimney and the Turnbridge, which is a Scheduled Monument, all are recognised for their national importance and special interest. While the main mill buildings are not historically significant for a specific reason, it is their collective value that creates the important character and importance of this site.

Huddersfield is defined by its mill and industrial townscapes, as well as its C19th town centre. These buildings are significant in their setting as they are characteristic of Huddersfield; they exemplify the town and contribute effectively to the history and character of the town. Turnbridge Mills' chimney is a local landmark and forms a key part of the route between the station and the stadium. Without this mill architecture, and the money the mills brought in, Huddersfield would not be the town it is today.

This application seeks to demolish several buildings on the site, and redevelop the area, having a harmful impact on this nationally significant collection of buildings. Its replacement does not enter a cohesive and considered dialogue with the remaining mill buildings.

We object to these plans due to this harm, and the unsympathetic language of the replacement. The existing mill complex is defined by a great verticality in its architecture, not just of the chimney but also of the mill buildings. Its proposed replacement does not reflect

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this verticality and thus harms the unique character of mill architecture. While it is recognised that some of the buildings are in a state of disrepair, this is not entirely unusual for historic buildings and an experienced conservation architect should be able to navigate these challenges successfully.

It is important to note that the Victorian Society supports careful and considered adaptation of historic buildings, this scheme would irreversibly harm several listed buildings and an important streetscape for Huddersfield. A scheme which reflected the wider character of the area and sought to preserve as much historic fabric as possible would be more acceptable to the Society.

The Society strongly urges your Authority to refuse this application. I would be grateful if you could inform the Victorian Society of your decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

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