

Address: 11, Carrs Street, Huddersfield, HD7 6JL

About the application

Application number: 2026/90232	
What is the application for?:	Redevelopment of mill complex of 11,584sqm for mixed use development, including
Address of the site or building:	New Mills, Brougham Road, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6AZ
Postcode:	

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<p>As local headlines suggest, there is a real community concern that to reject this application, to do nothing, will leave a gaping hole in the centre of Marsden and will sentence this historic mill for demolition. This would be a huge loss for Marsden/Huddersfield's textile heritage, as well as a loss of opportunity to capitalise a key asset.</p> <p>I am really pleased that the new proposals retain both the East and West Mill. This heritage led approach protects Marsden's history and self identity, meanwhile providing more commercial and residential space in a manner appropriate to the conservation area it is located within. In addition, the uncovering of the River Colne will return a derelict, decaying space to one that improves community access to the natural environment while creating a more attractive village centre for residents and businesses to thrive.</p> <p>Ideally, I would urge developers to include as much green space/vegetation as possible so that the development compliments the rest of Marsden- rather than appearing surrounded by a huge out of place car park. That being said, these plans will really improve the parking challenges in Marsden highlighted in early consultation.</p> <p>However, I believe the cladding of building C does not complement the conservation area, and instead repurposed stone should be used. It also seems a lack of opportunity to create a space for the community such as a village square/hospitality outdoor seating, industrial museum space, or a free observation deck to attract heritage tourism. I was additionally disappointed to see the footbridge scrapped from the proposals that would better connect the Dirker community to the development, and hope this asset may still be something perused in the future.</p> <p>All in all, approval of this proposal is necessary to preserve Marsden's Mill Town Heritage and catalyse local economic growth by reinventing these rapidly decaying mills that have overshadowed Marsden for decades.</p>	