



I am writing to express my overall support for the redevelopment of this area. In particular, I highly welcome the inclusion and expansion of green spaces, as well as the provision of extra parking.

Because it is impractical to preserve mill buildings of such scale, I agree with plans to demolish some of these. Apartment living is not popular in a rural area such as Marsden, so these buildings are better used as businesses.

However, a few things need to be considered, including;

- Commercial Viability: Other similar mill developments nearby, such as Globe Mills in Slaithwaite, have struggled to fill their commercial spaces, leaving parts of the buildings vacant. The economic viability of creating extensive business space here needs careful scrutiny.

- Affordable Housing: I would support further demolition of more of the buildings and instead including affordable or local authority housing. (eg. council houses). Crowthers currently have a number of homes nearby which they rent at quite competitive rates, which is much needed in Marsden.

- Maximising the Riverside Location: Marsden's riverside spots, like the Riverhead and Zapato, are incredibly popular due to their outdoor seating. The redevelopment should make the most of this by incorporating a riverside café or similar.

- Pedestrian access: The green space and pedestrian access are very important to me. It would be good if nearby pavements could also be improved.

Overall, I support the redevelopment of these mills. While they are an important link to our industrial heritage, their current state is not aesthetically pleasing in the village. Preserving key elements is important, but this should not come at the expense of practicality and local development opportunities.