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Your Ref 2026/90387

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2026-46851

Wednesday 10 June 2026

Dear Joanna Rednall,

Proposal: Temporary permission for 5 year period for use of land for leisure and recreation purposes; siting of associated transient structures; erection of means of enclosure; surfacing and associated works

Location: Upper Mills, Canal Side, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield

Waterway: Huddersfield Narrow Canal

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

Based on the information available our substantive response (as required by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)) is the following general advice:

The Trust own and manage the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, located to the north of the application site. We request that consideration be given to the following matters in the assessment of the application:

Surface Water Management

The application form states that surface water on site is to be managed through the use of a Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS). No detail upon this has been provided.

We request that details of the management of surface water should be provided in order to ensure that will will be appropriately managed and will not result in unmanaged water discharge to the canal or watercourses that interact with the canal.

This would be necessary in order to prevent the creation of any pollution pathway that could harm the water quality of the canal. This would help to ensure compliance with the wider aims of policy LP52 from the adopted Local Plan.

In addition to the above, we request that confirmation should be received as to where water from plunge pools on site will be disposed to. We assume this will be to the sewer network. However, if alternative means of

disposal are sought, then details of the management of this should be received due to the potential high levels of chlorine used.

Visibility of the site from the Huddersfield Narrow Canal

There is potential intervisibility between the canal and the proposed development due to the proximity of the works to the canal towpath, and the varying density of existing vegetation.

The structure are low in height and have a small footprint. However the varying heights and materials could have some negative impact on the outlook and setting as seen from the canal.

We request that consideration should be given to the installation of a native planting buffer as an effective screen to mitigate the impact of views of the rear elevations of buildings and fencing treatment.

We believe that this would help ensure compliance with the aims of Policy LP 32 'Landscape' from the adopted Local Plan Strategies and Policies document, which states that proposals should be designed to take into account and seek to enhance the landscape character of the area considering in particular the appearance of rivers, canals, reservoirs and other water features within the landscape.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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