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Your Ref 2026/90387

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2026-47137

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Dear Joanna Rednall,

Proposal: Further Information - 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 on the additional details provided in conjunction with the above application. 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.

Previously, the Trust made comment with respect to the detail for water disposal on site, and comment with respect to the visual appearance of the site as seen from the canal. 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:

We note that additional detail on the method of surface water drainage has been provided. Essentially, surface water runoff to areas of gravel covered ground is proposed. Although not a formal system of water management, we note the small scale of apparatus on site and also note that the site does not slope towards the canal. As a result, we have no significant issue with the detail provided.

We note that used water from the pools on site are to be deposited of formally into the public sewer network, and have no concern with the method described.

As per our previous comment, we do request that consideration 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 as seen from the canal.

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

Yours sincerely,

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