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Your Ref 2026/90889

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2026-46495

Tuesday 21 April 2026

Dear Farzana Tabasum,

Proposal: Discharge of details reserved by conditions 5 (Building Recording), 6 (Demolition Method Statement), 7 (Chimney Method Statement), 8 (New Walls and/or other structures Adjacent to the Listed Chimney) on previous permission 2025/91645

Location: Turnbridge Mills, Quay Street, Huddersfield

Waterway: Huddersfield Broad Canal

Thank you for your consultation relating to the discharge of conditions on a planning permission.

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.

We have reviewed the submitted details. Our comments are provided below:

Condition 5

We have received the submitted details and, subject to the Local Authority being satisfied that appropriate recording has taken place, we have no issue with the proposed discharge of this condition.

Condition 6

We have received the details provided in relation to Condition 6. Works to demolish building B include works next to the canal. There is a significant risk that works here could result in debris reaching the waterway (where it could cause localised water pollution) or result in hazards to passing boats (through the fall of larger debris).

Having reviewed the details, we request that additional information is provided on the following matters.

Scaffolding Oversailing the Canal

The scaffolding details provided indicate that scaffolding will oversail the canal. Debris netting is proposed. However, due to the proximity to waterspace, we do request that additional measures including the use of double boarded platforms and sheeting on the walkways for the scaffolding platforms should be specific in order to reduce the extent of small scale dust and debris that could otherwise reach the waterpace below.

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We request that this detail should be specified in the submitted details prior to the commencement of demolition works on the building.

Demolition Sequence

From a health and safety perspective, the Trust have concern that the methodology for the construction of Building B states that works will be “Starting at the furthest end from the canal side”, where “floors will be removed one bay at a time”. This indicates that the demolition activities will be working towards the canal elevation, with the possible risk of a free standing wall remaining above the canal on each floor as demolition progresses. The canal is publicly accessible space, with boats travelling below. We are therefore concerned that the sequencing could destabilise the remaining wall prior to its removal.

To safeguard users of the canal below, we request that the demolition works should specify the use of breakers and more controlled methods to limit the potential for any large scale collapse of the freestanding structure as it is taken down. We request that details of this should be provided prior to the discharge of this condition.

Conditions 7 and 8

We have reviewed the submitted details, and have no issue with the evidence and information provided relating to Condition 7 and Condition 8. As a result, we have no issue with the discharge of these two conditions.

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

Yours sincerely,

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