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Re: Archaeological Watching Brief, Hinchliffe Mill, Water Street, Holmbridge, Holmfirth.

Planning application 2021/90800 – Condition 5

Approval of Details application 2025/44/93383/W

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to you with regards to the Archaeological Watching Brief secured through condition. As you are aware our company prepared the Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation, which was submitted as part of the pre-commencement approval of details. The archaeological works were to entail monitoring of groundworks within the northern section of the mill building, in an attempt to identify and record any potential evidence relating to the means of generating and distributing power within the mill including both the original water wheel and later steam engine installations.

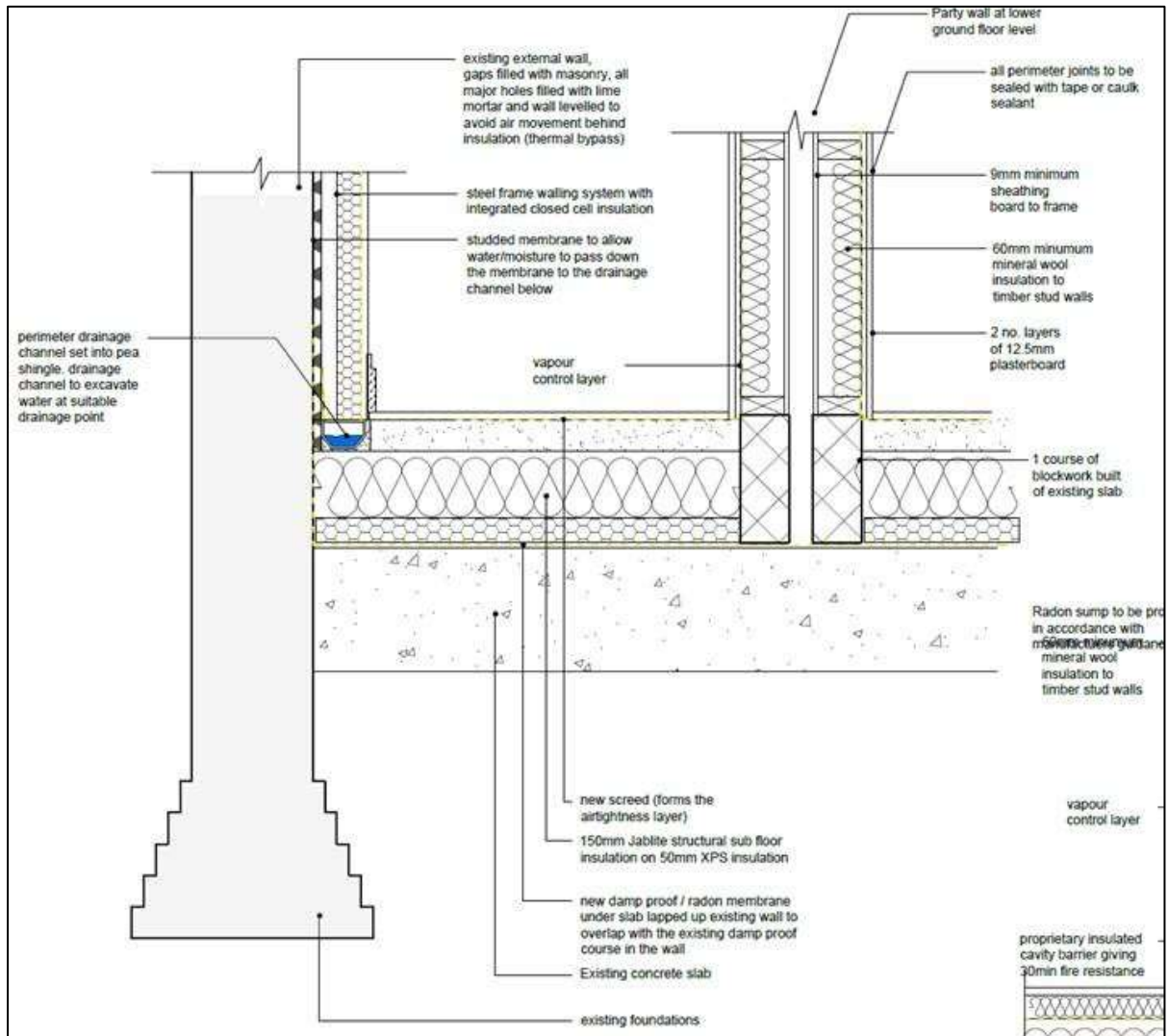
Since submission of the Written Scheme of Investigation the design of the development has been modified so that no groundworks are required below the existing concrete floor slab within the northern section of the mill. This means that any archaeological remains that may be present will be undisturbed by the development and will remain preserved in-situ. However, it also means that there is no way for the archaeological watching brief to be completed in accordance with the submitted Written Scheme of Investigation.

I have discussed this with Glyn Davies of the West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service, and he has recommended that I contact you with details of the new development demonstrating that there will be no impact on archaeology. I am therefore attaching an updated design drawing, supplied by the project architect. This illustrates the re-use of the existing concrete floor slab, rather than the need for intrusive groundworks.

I would be grateful if you would confirm that this information is sufficient for the final discharge of condition 5.

Yours sincerely

Graham Bruce



Design drawing demonstrating retention of existing concrete slab in northern part of the mill.