

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION CONSULTATION RESPONSE

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Application Reference	25/00092/FUL
Address	Yano Cha, 10 Cheetham Street, Rochdale, OL16 1DL
Proposal	Installation of metal roller shutters to the front and side elevations - Retrospective

Designated Heritage Assets Affected	Y	Town Head Conservation Area
Non-Designated Heritage Assets Affected	N	

Consultation Summary

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Assessment

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The purpose of Shopfronts & Security Shutters SPD is to over time bring town centre commercial areas to a pleasing state of visual and commercial attractiveness. The installation of such unsympathetic security installations only serves to undermine this goal by creating a fortress-like environment that is not a pleasant place for people to live or visit, especially in the evening and at times when the commercial buildings are closed.

It's acknowledged that there is a high prevalence of externally housed shutters in the surrounding area, but the policy requirement is to reduce the amount of such installations over time by not permitting new ones.