

Conservation & Design Team

Economy and Place

Historic Environment Conservation Consultation Response

Application ref: 25/00509/FUL

Proposal:

Change of use of ground floor to 2no' residential flats with a part single/two storey rear extension including loft conversion, alterations to fenestration and expose existing cobbles to side access - part retrospective

Site Address: 116-118 Drake Street, Rochdale OL16 1QA

Date of Response: 19.09.25

Consulation Report

At this stage in the development process, the focus is on delivery to bring a vacant town centre building back into productive use.

The colour of the silicon rendered finish to the rear has not been specified within the application, but it would be preferable for the colour choice to reflect the traditional building tones of the area. Avoidance of further white rendering is recommended. These details can be provided within the application or secured through condition.

The GF bay windows should be retained in the proposed material as these are a significant characteristic feature of the immediate area.

All rooflights must be conservation style. These details can be submitted within the application or conditioned.

Officer Summary:

No objection subject to colouration details of the rendered finish being discussed and the bay window features being retained / renewed.

Re-Consultation:

Only if deemed necessary by the Case Officer.