

HERITAGE & CONSERVATION CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application Details

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Address

Partnership House, Sparrow Hill, Rochdale, OL16 1QT

Proposal

Construction of stone steps to pedestrian gated opening to Partnership House boundary wall to edge of Broadfield Park Slopes. Stone steps to overcome ground level difference between Broadfield Park Slopes side of the wall and Partnership House side of the wall, following recent construction works which have involved construction of pathway to Broadfield Park Slopes resulting in lower level of land adjacent to gated opening.

Affected Heritage Assets

Designated heritage assets

- Partnership House (grade II)
- St Chad's Church (grade II*)
- Rochdale Town Hall (grade I)
- Market Cross (grade II)
- Rochdale Town Centre Conservation Area
- Broadfield Park (registered park and garden – grade II)

Non-designated heritage assets

- Church Stile

Summary

The steps have had a neutral impact on the significance of nearby heritage assets. No objections

Assessment

As part of the works to Broadfield Slopes, a section of the boundary wall between this area and Partnership House was taken down to create a site compound. The impact of these works was considered as part of a previous listed building consent application. The wall has been rebuilt, as approved, with the addition of steps from the gate down onto Broadfield Slopes. Listed building consent is required for the steps as they connect to a wall, which forms part of the curtilage of the former Vicarage to St Chad's, known as Partnership House, which is listed at grade II.

The steps are constructed of stone reclaimed from the site and are in keeping with the appearance of the boundary wall. They have not resulted in any harm to the historic fabric and they also enable access between the Slopes and Partnership House, given the change in ground levels.

The addition of the steps has had a neutral impact on the significance of Partnership House and the other nearby heritage assets. The steps preserve the special interest of the listed buildings and preserve the character and appearance of Rochdale Town Centre Conservation Area. No objections

Re-consultation

No