

HERITAGE & CONSERVATION CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application Details

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Application reference

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Address

Green Mill, Well I'TH Lane, Rochdale, OL11 2LS

Proposal

Change of use of former retail premises use class E(a) to a children's nursery class E(f)

Affected Heritage Assets

Designated heritage assets

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Non-designated heritage assets

- Green Mill

Summary

No objections

Assessment

Site description and significance

Green Mill is shown on the first edition OS map but is much enlarged by the 1889 town plan. Part of the mill complex has been demolished but the 1874 three-storey weaving shed survives, although altered.

The mill is of some historic interest, associated with the town's industrial heyday. While it has been altered, some elements of architectural interest survive, including the chimney which is a local landmark. It is included on the Council's list of non-designated heritage assets.

Relevant legislation and planning policy

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Paragraph 216 confirms that the impact of a development on a non-designated heritage asset is a material consideration. A balanced judgement should be had, having regard to the significance of the asset and the scale of any harm or loss.

Places for Everyone (PfE) policy JP-P2 and Rochdale Core Strategy (CS) P2

These policies deal with heritage at the local level

Assessment of proposals

The proposal is for the conversion of part of Green Mill into a nursery. It is understood that no external changes are proposed. Green Mill has been heavily altered and partially demolished, although some elements survive, including its chimney which is a local landmark. The proposal would provide a use for the surviving 1874 weaving shed. The proposal would have a neutral impact on the significance of the building. No objections.

Re-consultation

No