

DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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Dear Clare

AVA/2013/0265: Redevelopment, Conversion and part new build to provide 26 dwellings with parking and alterations to the access at John Smedley Ltd, Lea Road, Lea Bridge.

Following my previous letter concerning this application, the Conservation and Planning Panel of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site has asked me to send a second letter of clarification, as follows.

The Panel supports the proposals but feels strongly that planning approval should be conditional upon a Section 106 agreement for restoration of the listed cottages on the west side of the mill site. The Panel feels strongly that, because the architectural solutions are of a sophisticated nature it is of critical importance that John Smedley should make a condition of any agreement with a third party that the same architects be kept. The panel also supports keeping the façade wall of the car park.

The Panel has recommended to the DVMWHS Board that the application be supported, welcoming the benefit it will bring to the DVMWHS, especially the restoration of the listed cottages. The Board will be asked to note that success of the development will depend on the quality of the architectural treatment and especially how it is detailed and strongly recommends that any third party developer be required to retain the original architects.

I hope these comments can be considered when a decision is made concerning this development.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Farmer

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