

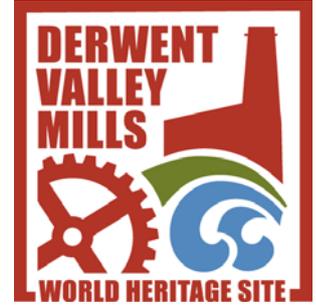
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Dear Ms Parikh

Derby City Centre Masterplan

Please find below the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site response to the Derby City Centre Masterplan documents. Although we haven't been formally consulted, I hope these comments, resulting from a discussion at our most recent Conservation and Planning Panel, will be considered as part of the consultation process.

As you know, the Derwent Valley Mills were inscribed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 2001. The Derwent Valley Mills Partnership, on behalf of HM Government is pledged to conserve the unique and important cultural landscape of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site; to protect its outstanding universal value (OUV), to interpret and promote its assets; and to enhance its character, appearance and economic well-being in a sustainable manner.

The Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the Site was defined by the following criteria, agreed by UNESCO when the mills were inscribed. They are:

C(ii) That the site exhibits "an important interchange of human values, over a span of time or within a cultural area of the world, on developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town planning or landscape design";

C(iv) That the site is "an outstanding example of a type of building or architectural or technological ensemble or landscape, which illustrates a significant stage in human history".

The UNESCO World Heritage Committee recorded that these criteria were met for the following reasons:

C(ii) The Derwent Valley saw the birth of the factory system, when new types of building were erected to house the new technology for spinning cotton developed by Richard Arkwright in the late 18th century.

C(iv) In the Derwent Valley for the first time there was large-scale industrial production in a hitherto rural landscape. The need to provide housing and other facilities for workers and managers resulted in the creation of the first modern industrial settlements.

A Management Plan for the World Heritage Site was created in 2002, and updated in 2014. It has as the first of its nine aims to: “protect, conserve and enhance the Outstanding Universal Value of the DVMWHS.”

As such, the World Heritage Site Partnership (of which Derby City Council is of course a key member) is committed to the City Council's ambitious plans for the development of the Silk Mill as a major visitor destination and the Conservation and Planning Panel requests that the international significance of the Silk Mill is explicitly acknowledged and flagged up in the Masterplan and that any proposals which impact upon the setting of the DVMWHS meet UNESCO requirements for the protection of the setting of the World Heritage Site, in terms of impact on its Outstanding Universal Value (OUV).

The Panel particularly hopes the Masterplan vision will take into account the long-term ambitions of the DVMWHS Partnership to link the Silk Mill with Darley Abbey through footpaths, cycle routes and a riverboat.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Joyce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J'.

Barry Joyce,

Chairman

Conservation and Planning Panel

Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

cc.David Ling, Derby City Conservation Area Advisory Committee