

# DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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Dear Sarah

**AVA/2018/0448: Two dwellings on land adjoining Kilmory, Chevin Road, Duffield.**

Please find below my response to the consultation concerning the above application. These comments will be taken to the World Heritage Site Conservation and Planning Panel for verification in July.

The site lies within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) Buffer Zone. 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 retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value (SOUV) for the Derwent Valley Mills was adopted by the World Heritage Committee in 2010. The SOUV refers to the following UNESCO criteria, which the World Heritage Committee agreed were met at the time of inscription. 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 SOUV records 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.” In accordance with this aim, and with reference to Section 12.1 of the Management Plan, I have consulted with Derbyshire County Council’s Conservation, Heritage and Design Service (which advises the World Heritage Site Partnership in planning matters), and have received the following advice:

The application site is on the edge of the settlement at Duffield, facing the golf course. It is generally screened by mature trees from the Derby Road, from within the World Heritage Site. However, despite the more muted earthy tones of their wall construction, Kilmory and No 21 Chevin Road are visible from a position close to Moscow Cottages, which are Strutt buildings within the Site. The site is undoubtedly visible from the train line, which is also within the World Heritage Site.

The dwellings would essentially be seen against the existing housing on the edge of Duffield, thereby reducing their visual impact. However, in order for the dwellings not to impact further on the open landscape setting of the World Heritage Site, it would be advisable that the off-white rendered upper storeys and gables were to have a more recessive tone. It is noted that the potentially visible barge boards are to be in dark grey, suitably.

Subject to the suggested amendments, it is considered that the dwellings would not harm the Outstanding Universal Value of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, through the contribution made by its open rural landscape setting.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Farmer', written in a cursive style.

**Adrian Farmer**

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cc Sarah Johnson, AVBC