

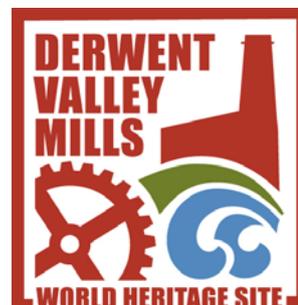
# DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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Dear Julia

## **DER 18/01829/FUL: Demolition of garage and erection of outbuilding at 9 New Road, Darley Abbey.**

Please find below the DVMWHS 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 January.

The proposed development lies within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS). 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 with members of the DVMWHS Conservation and Planning Panel at a site visit held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July, and have received the following advice:

The proposed development relates to No. 9 New Road which forms part of a group listing (Grade II) of 8 cluster format houses constructed by the Evans family between 1796 and 1830. The houses are attributes of the WHS for their contribution towards the social infrastructure related value as outlined in the current WHS management plan (2014-19).

The proposed garage is at least twice the size of the current garage and so occupies a substantially greater footprint and volume within the rear garden to no. 9. Whilst a slightly larger single garage may be considered to be acceptable in principle, a double garage of the proportions shown are not acceptable. The double garage would also presumably require partial further demolition of the boundary wall. Although it is not clear from the submission documents the provenance of the wall it would be useful to understand if it is an original boundary structure.

The double garage in its current form would diminish the ability to be able to clearly interpret the extent and layout of the curtilage associated with the cluster houses. Consequently the World Heritage Site Partnership objects to the proposed development as it will harm the setting of WHS and consequently it will cause harm to the OUV.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the application.

Yours sincerely

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

**Adrian Farmer**

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Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

cc Chloe Oswald, Derby City Council.