

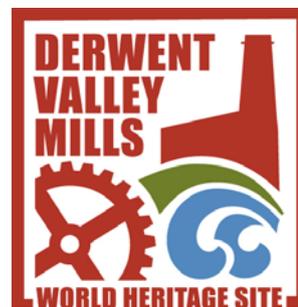
DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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Dear Sara

DER 09/18/01394: Two storey extension to restaurant (seating areas and terrace) at Unit C, 2 City Road, Derby.

Please find below the latest 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 March.

The proposed development 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 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.” 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 20th July, and have received the following advice:

The site is currently occupied by a late 20th century single storey industrial unit which more latterly appears to have been adapted to host its current use as a retail/food and beverage unit. The immediate vicinity of the site is of semi-industrial character with an incongruous development pattern. Views from Google Earth Street View suggest that the elevations abutting the river are largely concealed by existing mature trees, at least when in leaf.

The proposed development comprises of a narrow two-storey extension complete with terrace which would overlook the River Derwent corridor. The elevations and sections provided illustrate that the new extension would be a little higher than the apex/ridge of the existing single storey roof and of a similar appearance to the existing building.

The proposed extension would be very small and although it is not considered to be of the highest design quality it can be said that the proposals would make the appearance of the building more consistent with that of the existing retail unit. The scale and position of the proposals are considered to be such that they are unlikely to impact on the setting of the built attributes of the WHS further south along the river. Therefore the DVMWHS Partnership does not object to the proposed development as it should only have a very small negative impact on the immediate setting of the WHS. Consequently, its impact on OUV and the amount of harm done to the international designation is considered to be negligible.

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.