

DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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Dear Laura

AVA/2019/0561: Listed building consent for single storey extension to rear, re-modelling of garage and outbuildings and interior alterations at The Cedars, Makeney 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 September.

The site 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 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 have received the following advice:

The Cedars is a grade II listed house, located within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and the Duffield Conservation Area. The late 18th century dwelling, with 19th century alterations, has a reasonably high status and is set within a group of listed buildings including Duffield Baptist Church and attached house, walls and railings, Town Street, Crow Trees and The Old House, Makeney Road. While there is no known association with the textile industry or the development of the factory system, the dwelling contributes to the understanding of the growth of the settlements along the Derwent Valley in its own unique vernacular context.

The current application is a revised proposal for internal and external changes to this listed dwelling. While there are no objections, in principle, with respect to the Site’s significance, it is expected that changes to the building would follow best conservation practice and be only permitted where there was no loss of its special interest and hence, its authenticity. In this way, its contribution to the wider significance and integrity of the World Heritage Site would be preserved.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Adrian Farmer'.

Adrian Farmer

Heritage Co-ordinator, Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.
cc Sarah Brooks, AVBC