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Your reference: 4/25/2097/0F1 • Our reference: JNP/4252097

Dear Chris Harrison,

**FULL REFURBISHMENT OF VACANT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING TO OFFICES,  
INCLUDING NEW WINDOWS AND DOORS ALONG WITH ANCILLARY EXTERNAL  
WORKS TO SERVICE THE BUILDING  
THE FLAXWORKS, MILL BUILDING 1, CLEATOR MILLS, CLEATOR**

Thank you for consulting me on the above application.

The mill building is an important non-designated heritage asset, being the last surviving element of the once monumental Cleator flax mill. The mill was constructed in 1859 in the style of a country house and is significant in terms of its architectural interest and its contribution to Cleator's social history. I support the scheme as it will provide a sensitive long-term use to the structure. It will however, have an impact on the historic fabric of the building and so I request that, in the event consent is granted, the existing ruins are recorded prior to any construction work commencing.

I recommend that this recording should be in accordance with a 'Photographic Record' as described by Historic England in Understanding Historic Buildings A Guide to Good Recording Practice, 2016. I advise that this can be secured by attaching a condition to any planning consent and I suggest the following form of words:

*Prior to the carrying out of any construction work the existing building affected by the proposed development shall be recorded in accordance with a Photographic Record as described by Historic England's document Understanding Historic Buildings A Guide to Good Recording Practice, 2016. Within 2 months of the commencement of construction works a digital copy of the resultant Photographic Record report shall be furnished to the Local Planning Authority.*

*Reason: to ensure that a permanent record is made of the building of architectural and historical interest prior to its alteration as part of the proposed development.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Parsons  
Historic Environment Officer