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Your reference: 4/26/2059/0F1 • Our reference: JNP/Cu/4262059

Dear Chris Harrison,

**RENOVATION TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING INCLUDING NEW
CLADDING/FENESTRATION WORKS, NEW ENTRANCE DOORS, WINDOWS,
EXTENSION TO REAR, NEW ACCESS ROAD/FOOTPATH, ASSOCIATED CAR
PARKING & HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING
FLORENCE ARTS CENTRE, FLORENCE MINE, EGREMONT**

Thank you for consulting me on the above application.

The proposed scheme may impact upon the setting of the adjacent listed grade II Florence Mine structures and I defer to any forthcoming comments from Cumberland's conservation adviser on this matter.

The development proposes to significantly alter the utilitarian appearance of the Art Centre building which originally operated as offices to Florence Mine. The building is the same age as the listed mine buildings and is an integral part of the mining complex. Although it was not considered by Historic England to be of designatable quality at the time when the other mine buildings were listed presumably because of internal changes, its original external appearance and form seem to have been largely retained. The building is therefore considered to be a heritage asset of at least local historical interest.

Consequently, I recommend that, in the event planning consent is granted, the Art Centre building is recorded in advance of alterations. This recording should be in accordance with a Level 1 Survey as described by Historic England's document *Understanding Historic Buildings A Guide to Good Recording Practice, 2016*. I advise that this be secured by attaching a condition to any planning consent. I suggest the following form of words:

*Prior to the carrying out of any alterations or construction works, the existing Arts Centre building affected by the proposed development shall be recorded in accordance with a Level 1 Survey 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 work a digital copy of the resultant Level 1 Survey 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 significance 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