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Subject: FAO Adrian Dowd - Consultation on planning applications 3/2015/0766 and 3/2015/0767 land at Malt Kiln Brow, Chipping PR3 2GP

Dear Adrian,

Consultation on planning applications 3/2015/0766 and 3/2015/0767 land at Malt Kiln Brow, Chipping PR3 2GP

Thank you for consulting the SPAB on the above proposals. We were consulted last year on the same mill building and our response remains as per our response to Sarah Westwood at that time (10 April 2014, Application 3/2014/0183), namely that:

Kirk Mill is a mill of considerable importance. It is a rare surviving example in the North West of an Arkwright type cotton spinning mill and retains many of its original features.

While the waterwheel and machinery are surveyed and assessed in the supporting documents, where they are identified as being of high to exceptional significance, we were concerned to note that no mention was made of the planned treatment of these features. We would particularly like to emphasize the importance of retaining and preserving the remains of the breast shot waterwheel with pitch pine arms and of the associated gearing.

The wheel, after it ceased powering the cotton spinning machinery, was used to generate electricity for the mills and surrounding properties. While the proposals mention the possibility of installing hydropower facilities in future, there is no indication that the wheel is to be brought back into use, but this is something we would suggest could be investigated.

Yours sincerely,
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