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Moorgate Fold Mill

Client

H B Villages

Location

Blackburn

Services Provided

Archaeology

Date of Completion

2013

Key issues

Development area on the site of a former cotton mill (Moorgate Fold Mill), built in 1840

Mill had previously been demolished in 2008, but no recording had been undertaken prior to demolition

Consultation with the Local Planning Authority and archaeological advisor to the Council enabled a scheme of archaeological mitigation to be developed

Agreement of archaeological works to commence post-consent of the scheme

Management of archaeological works in order to successfully discharge the condition of development



A hybrid planning application was submitted in 2012 for:

- A full planning application for a supported living scheme comprising 20 one bedroom apartments; and
- An outline planning application for a residential development comprising up to 17 houses.

Part of the development site contained the below ground remains of Moorgate Fold Mill which was extant on the site until its demolition in 2008. It was a spinning and weaving mill, and was erected in 1840 by John Parkinson. The Mill was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1869, and then subsequently rebuilt. Further additions and alterations to it were made in 1911-14. However, the Mill was demolished in 2008.

The principal aim of the archaeological programme of works was to establish the extent to which any below ground structures/foundations associated with Moorgate Fold Mill (and its associated outbuildings) survived within the areas highlighted for archaeological excavation, and to ensure their preservation by record.

Upon completion of the archaeological works, a report was submitted to the archaeological advisor to the Local Planning Authority, and the archaeological condition on development was subsequently discharged.

