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Temple Works

Client

SJS Property Ltd

Location

Holbeck, Leeds

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

Completed

Key Issues

Cultural Heritage Assessment

Historic Building Assessment



CgMs undertook a full cultural heritage study and evaluation of the history and architectural and historic value of the Holbeck Conservation Area and the buildings within it. As result, the team were able to assess issues arising from proposed re-development and re-use of Temple Works for mixed use led regeneration.

Temple Mill has been described as the most remarkable industrial building in Leeds, famous for its Egyptian style façade and interior detail. The wider historic significance of the area is primarily attributable to the Industrial Revolution and its impact on textile production in the West

Riding of Yorkshire, the focus of which in Leeds was in Holbeck. Temple Works was erected between 1838 and 1843.

The buildings comprising the Works include the Grade I Listed mill and offices, a Grade II Listed School House and Grade II Listed Lodge. The wider area has been subject to low quality 20th c. large scale commercial development, incongruous to the older buildings.

CgMs recommended that the Holbeck Conservation Area and the application site and its listed buildings would benefit from the removal and redevelopment of the more modern buildings not considered to be of significant value. The listed buildings were considered to benefit from re-use. Although in terms of scope for alteration, this would be limited in order to maintain the integrity of fabric of the buildings. The City Council has now approved in principle plans for phase one of the development.

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