

Hearing Position Statement by the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

Relating to Matter 15 Mixed Use Development Areas

15a East Mill and North Mill, Belper and 15b West Mill, Belper

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North and East Mill and the former West Mill site provide the potential to deliver a central hub to the WHS which will enliven Belper and assist in developing the World Heritage Site as a cognisant whole. Currently, there are advanced plans for Cromford Mills at the northern end of the WHS, and work has just started on the Silk Mill at the southern end of the WHS. The Belper Mill sites offer an exciting potential in the middle of the WHS to help join the WHS together. This potential would best be achieved if the two sites are looked at as a whole.

Neither of the Council's proposed Main Modifications or Additional Modifications would resolve this concern and make the Plan sound.

The combining of the sites in 15a and 15b, to create a single mixed used development area 'The Belper Mills Complex' would better unlock the site's potential as a central hub for the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

15d Alderwasley Mills, Ambergate

15dv. Has full consideration been given to the impact on heritage assets?

It is difficult to envisage residential development on this site being sustainable in terms of local amenity, without the scale of development impacting on OUV.

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And additional line in paragraph 9.1.2 should ensure development has as minimal a negative impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site as possible, and a master plan provided for the site to ensure no cumulative impacts through phased development.