

Email exchange re High Mill Alston October 2016

From: Kayleigh Lancaster
Sent: 24 October 2016 16:27
To: Tony Blackburn
Subject: Site AL12 - High Mill, Alston

Tony,

I have received the following update/information from our Economic Development team regarding progress on Site AL12 (High Mill) in Alston:

“The District Council has accepted an offer of a grant aid from Historic England in the sum of £20,000 (subject to conditions) and matched it with £20,000 of economic development budget to create a "Development Pot" out of which consultants can be commissioned to carry out a series of studies leading to a preferred redevelopment scheme for the High Mill site. The studies will be carried under a joint 'Brief' agreed with Alston Moor Partnership (AMP). The District Council will then be invited to consider purchase of the site with a view to implementing the preferred scheme.

AMP has been awarded £10,000 by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) (some of which will be paid into the "Development Pot") to prepare three redevelopment options and property related business plans for the re-use of the 'Listed' structure within the site known as High Mill. AMP will also be examining governance arrangements and preparing operational business plans to show how they could run and maintain a renovated High Mill building in a sustainable way. Such plans will pave the way for further HLF and other funding applications from AMP to implement the preferred option and run the building.

Likewise the District Council may look to Historic England (and others) for further funding if it were to purchase the site and implement a redevelopment scheme.

However any further 'intervention' by the District Council will depend on what type of redevelopment scheme is finally presented to the Council and the view as to the viability of such scheme.

The Brief is likely to be advertised to selected contractors at the beginning of October with an intended commission date at the beginning of November and delivery date around February/March 2017.”

Please could you pass this update on to the Inspector and ask him if he is able to confirm whether he would still like the Local Plan to include a specific policy for the redevelopment of this site?

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From: Tony Blackburn
Sent: 31 October 2016 08:55
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Subject: FW: Site AL12 - High Mill, Alston

Kayleigh

The following from the Inspector re your last para:

Yes. Whoever is to prepare the feasibility study will require some planning guidance and the Council's strategic parameters should be set out in a Local Plan policy. If the Council's efforts came to nothing and a third party wished to renovate and reuse the mill then again they would need to know what could be done with the mill in planning terms.

Tony

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