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Subject: Fw: Westwood Mill - Planning and Listed Building Submissions- Exhibition Space
Attachments: Block C.pdf

Hello Adam

Futher to my recent email please see below and attached.

Regards Malcolm.

Adam

Re Westwood Mill - Planning Submission

There was one element of our application which wasn't explained to any degree that relates to the historic context of Block C and its use for driving the textile machinery in its later history.

Located at ground floor in its own hall is the water turbine that took its feed from the mill pond via a sluice and exited the flow through to the settling pond and back out into the river Colne. The turbine, as you can see from the industrial archaeological photographs attached, still exists and made part of an entrance feature.

The entrance to Block C is part of the turbine hall. This becomes quite a large communal space without compromising the secure access to the many apartments above via staircase and lift at this level. The hall also has a viewing terrace over the mill pond and sluice, plus provides cloakroom facilities.

Our intention has been to bequeath this raised area with a glass floor over the turbine mechanism to local societies and interest groups for their display of artifacts and photographs of the industry that might well have been typical at Westwood Mill without interrupting the easy flow of the residents coming and going. We would also display progress photography of the restoration work undertaken.

The idea is that the exhibition hall be opened on specific dates e.g Easter Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday etc. for the general public. This facility was employed at a previous mill of ours in Gloucestershire (Dunkirk Mill at Nailsworth) and has been successfully used since its completion some 20 years ago.

I think this offer, always intended for embellishing the restoration, would be useful for the members to take on board when considering our application.

Regards

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