PLANNING AND HERITAGE STATEMENT

THE OLD CORN MILL 648 BARNSLEY ROAD NEWMILLERDAM, WAKEFIELD WF2 6QQ

INTRODUCTION

The Old Corn Mill in Newmillerdam is a Grade II Listed Building (Listing NGR: SE3321415833). The building has an existing consent for Change-of-Use from Office to Restaurant accommodation (19/026989/LBC) and has a current application pending to add a First Foor Link Extension (23/01790/LBC). This application seeks consent for an externally illuminated signage scheme.

POLICIES

National Planning Policy guidance is provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which was revised in 2019. As part of the site is in the Green Belt then **Section 13** *Protecting Green Belt Land* is relevant to this Application. Paragraph 145 states: "A local planning authority should regard the construction of new buildings as inappropriate in the Green Belt". Exceptions to this are relevant in Paragraph 145c "The extension or alteration of a building provided that is does not result in disproportionate additions over and above the size of the original building".

Section 6 Paragraph 80 of the NPPF states "Planning Policies and decision should help create the conditions in which business can invest, expand, and adapt. Significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, considering both local business needs and wider opportunities for development."

Section 16 *Conserving and enhancing the historic environment* of the NPPF Paragraph 185 says "Plans should set out a positive strategy for the conversion and enjoyment of the historic environment including heritage assets most at risk through neglect, decay or other threats". Paragraph 185a states "The desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets and putting them to viable uses consistent with their conservation".

LAYOUT AND SCALE

The layout and scale of the proposed signage is appropriate to the usage. No signs will be attached to the Listed Building itself – only to the adjacent modern extension, in order to preserve the fabric of the Listed Building.

APPEARANCE AND MATERIALS

See attached drawing.

SUMMARY

The proposed signs are necessary for customers to find the premises. Such signs are attached to similar building in the vicinity, namely 3 public houses & 2 cafes/restaurants. Similar signs have been approved in the Wakefield Planning District for the same company on their other restaurants and provide a corporate identity which has become familiar to customers in the area.