



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0592
Proposal	2026 0592 Advert Consent 2A Athena Way, Hoyland Common, Barnsley, S74 0FQ
Address	2A Athena Way, Hoyland Common, Barnsley, S74 0FQ
Date of Consultation Reply	100826
Consultee	Tony Wiles Senior Conservation Officer

Consultation Assessment and Justification

The main consideration is: -

- Whether or not the proposal would harm the heritage significance or impact on the setting of a designated asset or other asset of demonstrable heritage significance

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Section 66 (1): The local planning authority shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest

Policy

NPPF 207/208: Identify and assess heritage significance including the setting and the effect of a proposal

NPPF 212: Great weight given to an asset's conservation, irrespective of the degree of harm

NPPF 213: Any harm to or loss of significance will require clear and convincing justification

Barnsley Local Plan HE1 The Historic Environment

Barnsley Local Plan HE3 Developments affecting Historic Buildings

Conservation Comments:

This is a retrospective application for signage at 2A Athena Way, Hoyland Common, within the Evri fulfilment complex. The signage comprises two large flex-face box fascia signs and one post sign. In considering whether the proposal has any implications for the setting of designated or non-designated heritage assets, I have referred back to my 2021 comments, as these related to the same building. Application 2021/1159 was submitted with full plans for sites 2A and 2B, which have since become 2 and 4 Athena Way. At that time, I considered the detailed Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted in support of the original proposal. These included a related assessment of the likely effects on the historic environment, drawing on the findings of the LVIA and EIA. I requested consideration of a range of important, designated heritage assets and other assets of demonstrable heritage significance. This included how the development would affect their settings and the wider landscape.

Many of the assets considered were those raised during earlier discussions on masterplanning and the preceding hybrid outline application in 2020. In 2021, the assessment included a study area of 1km and 2km from the site, together with several additional assets beyond that distance which I asked to be considered. These included Elsecar and Wentworth Conservation Areas, the Grade II* Wentworth Registered Park and Garden, Grade I Wentworth Woodhouse, and the Grade II* Keppel's Column and Hooper Stand. A staged approach was taken, consistent with Historic England guidance, to understand which settings might be affected, how those settings contribute to the significance of the relevant heritage assets, and what the likely impact of the development



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would be. A detailed discussion of that assessment is beyond the scope of this consultation response. However, in 2021 I broadly agreed with the findings of the LVIA. I concluded that the erection of 2 and 4 Athena Way would clearly result in a change to the landscape. However, I felt that the distances involved meant the magnitude of impact and the significance of effect on the relevant heritage assets would not exceed small or minor.

The current application relates only to the installation of signage at 2A Athena Way. Although the proposed signage is large in its own right, it is relatively modest when read against the overall scale of the building and the wider Evri development. In that context, the additional effect of the signage on the setting of the heritage assets identified above would be very limited when compared with the impact already assessed in relation to the main development. I therefore do not consider that the proposal would result in any greater harm to the setting or significance of those assets.

In summary, the proposal accords with Section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, Barnsley Local Plan Policies HE1 and HE3, and paragraph 212 of the NPPF. I therefore raise no objection and have no further conservation comments.

NO OBJECTION*

*Delete as applicable

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

Consultation Informative(s):

Planning Obligations required: