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Sent: 04 September 2021 17:07
To: Planning Admin
Subject: Re Planning Application R/20021/0728/PND

With regards to planning application R/20021/0728/PND

Good afternoon

I would like to lodge an objection to the demolition of the Dorman Tower

I believe the tower to be of historic and cultural value to the people of Teesside and beyond.

The local communities are at most a couple of hundred years old, and there are not many historically important buildings in this area, perhaps it is time to start creating that legacy for future generations. Preserving the tower would do that, it speaks of our past, it acts as a reminder of why the communities that surround it were founded, and could also act as a beacon for the future, just as many other ex-industrial buildings have done across the world.

With the current ongoing demolition of the iron and steel complex, the tower may be the only tangible artifact that local people have to link them with their past. The structure dominates the local landscape and has become a much-loved, well recognised landmark. It is seen daily by commuters on the A66 and users of the railway. It is also a major point of interest on the Teesdale Way, and the E2 European Path, national and international long-distance footpaths, this section is known locally as The Black path.

I accept that the surrounding land has to be cleared to allow future development but the tower is on the periphery of the development land and has a footprint of approximately 17x22m, this is barely a hinderance to the development of the vast surrounding area.

Please do not act in haste, think of what we are leaving for future generations, will it be photographs and videos of the site? or will it be a bold, proud statement in the landscape, a reminder of where we have come from and who we are, the tower surrounded by the next generation of industrial buildings that are to be built on the site. The past and the future together.

I would also like to point out an error on the planning application form

Section 5 - Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, Bridleway or other public land?

The agent has answered No, This is not correct

The site is very visible from the nearby public footpath (Teesdale Way/E2) 88m away and directly opposite to the site.

It is also visible from John Boyle Road 214m away, Smiths Dock Road 311m away, South Bank Station 325m away.

It is also visible across the surrounding local area to the south of the site.

Regards

Gavin Parry