

Meeting with Cornwall Council Officers on site on 24th February, 2010

A meeting took place on site on 24th February 2010 attended by Penny Stokes, Cornwall Council's Conservation Officer, Jeremy Content, CC Case Officer, Phil Markham, CC Historic Environment Planning Advice Officer, and Simon Thorpe, CC World Heritage Site Officer with the Architect Accredited in Building Conservation.

Those present viewed the site and discussed the importance of the site in relation to the World Heritage Site, and Hayle Conservation Area, the import of the existing Listed Grade II drying shed structure, the original entrance granite stonework which is visible in the vicinity of the existing entrance to the site, the two elements of site perimeter boundary to the West, North and East, the quayside boundary wall, which is a Listed structure referred to in the Listing of the Hayle Quays and a historical sluice casting in the vicinity of the quay boundary wall together with the area of silt and debris to the North of the quay wall.

The ownership of the granite quay wall, the area of silt and debris together with that of the industrial archaeological casting was not known at the time of the meeting.

The missing bays A and B of the Listed drying shed structure were pointed out by the AABC architect, and this was later confirmed by reference to the 1908 Landmark Historic Map which shows the extent of the drying shed as originally built.

During the course of the discussion the following matters were referred to :-

1. It was made clear that the significance of the redevelopment of the Jewson site within the World Heritage Site must not be underestimated. Penny Stokes advised the significance of the development of the Jewson site, in terms of the Council's relationship with the World Heritage Site bodies, is extremely important. Because of the sensitivity of the situation, we would propose this should be the subject of separate discussion with her and others, after which it may be considered that information may need to be incorporated in the Supporting Planning Statement documentation to assist the Council in this regard.
2. The proposed accessway and parking area will be built over early boat-building quays, of which there appear to be several outlines in approximately the same vicinity. This early boat-building feature is considered to be of considerable significance in World Heritage terms, which will be referred to specifically in this report, following discussions with Simon Thorpe.
3. Whilst assessing the Listed drying shed it became clear that two bays of the shed have been previously demolished to enable a wider entrance to the Jewson site to be formed. This was drawn to Penny Stokes' attention to the Bay lettering over the Bays of the Listed drying building and the gudgeon pins in the walls for outer doors. The lettering starts at Bay C and therefore it was proposed Bays A and B had been demolished, which she advised she had not previously considered.
4. Reference was made to archaeological feature 31893 – Carnsew Kilns, operated by Harveys, which Phil Markham advised a colleague in the Council is particularly concerned to ensure that the development proposals have no detrimental affect upon those lime kilns.
5. Referring to the Listed Building drying shed, two granite piers have been removed at some time.
6. There is a large crack near the outer corner of the Listed structure facing the road, which will need to be addressed as part of the Planning and Listed Building Applications.
7. There was a discussion about the materials for re-roofing of the Listed drying sheds as at the public exhibition it was suggested by a local councillor that the roof was originally pan tiles as some pan tiled roofs had been noted but the re-roofing materials for the drying sheds stated as a requirement are to be slate with clay ridge tiles. Sample slates and clay ridges to be to CC approval.

8. A desktop archaeological study is required to be provided, together with all archaeological information relating to the site, and are to be incorporated in the supporting statement. A brief has been provided and Adam Sharpe of Cornwall Archaeology has been instructed.
9. The proximity of the new supermarket structure to the gable of the Listed Building was raised.
10. With regards to the new supermarket being located near the old quay wall, which is a Listed structure, as part of the Carnsew Quay perimeter wall structure Listing, it must be demonstrated that the new construction will not have a detrimental affect upon the quay wall, and that the quay wall has been considered as a Listed structure and referred to accordingly in the Supporting Statements.
11. RSPB matters must be addressed in the supporting statement document, and mitigation proposals referred to on the submitted drawings.
12. Glass facing towards the quays and the bay must be only see-through from the inside, so as not to disturb the birds.
13. Whilst it may be proposed to remove the self-seeded vegetation on the outside of the quay edge, this may have to be reinforced for bird habitat.
14. Penny Stokes suggested a visit the Harbour Master and obtain consent to go onto the quay so the site could be assessed from the quays to the north and north east.

Consent was obtained from the Harbour Master to walk on the quays outside the Jewson site, which has been the subject of the proposals by ING on the former iron foundry site and photographs were taken from the quays towards the Jewson site and buildings, together with the hill fort in the background and railway viaduct in the background for reference purposes.

Since the meeting Phil Markham has kindly forwarded 8 No annotated CC satellite photographs and maps of the site, with various items outlined on it, including the Historic Environment Record information which are incorporated in this report.