
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR BELPER CIVIL PARISH (NP4B)

ADDENDUM 2 – MILLS SURVEY

The state of the Belper Mills was a consistent theme throughout the consultation, which led NP4B to commission DerwentWISE to carry out a survey. They conducted an evening workshop on 22nd February 2017, led by restoration architect Derek Latham, at which local people gave their ideas on possibilities for development (whilst recognising that the West Mill and the North & East Mills are two sites under different ownership). The second workshop, on Sunday afternoon 26th February 2017, was mainly for families and children.

A questionnaire was available at both workshops, for three weeks after, and on the NP4B stall at the DVMWHS 15-year celebration event on 11th March 2017. Some questionnaires were also delivered to homes and businesses in the area.

The public consultation and engagement sessions resulted in a range of informed views on acceptable and desirable uses of the Strutt Mill Complex. There was a strong consensus that future redevelopment should give rise to greater public access, and uses that respect the highly-significant heritage of the sites. One-hundred-and-seven of the 111 responses to the main survey indicated that the surviving Strutt and English Sewing Cotton mills should be preserved, refurbished and used more fully.

See the following page for the full analysis.

Mills Survey		Yes	No	unsure	blank	Total
1. Are you aware of the Mills in Belper?		109	0	0	2	111
2. Do you know they are part of a WHS		104	2	1	4	111
3. Do you think that these Mills are important?		106	0	1	4	111
4. Should these Mills be preserved, refurbished and used more fully?		107	0	1	3	111
5. What words come to mind when you think of the mills?		Refer to raw data for list of suggested words				
6. What would you like to see the mill buildings used for?	Heritage centre & museum	95				
	offices	76				
	shops	73				
	café	84				
	residential	83				
	Event venues	84				
	creative studios	78				
	art gallery	77				
7a.Are you interested in a visit to the mill?		90	4	6	11	111
7b. What would you like to do on a visit to learn about the mills?	Heritage centre	76				
	Guided tours	74				
	Talks	63				
	Learning activities	56				
	Special events	58				
	Performances	61				
8. Topic of learning	History of mill buildings	84				84
	use	74				74
	Who worked there	80				80
	Owners	71				71
	Working conditions	89				89
	Why mills were built	74				74
	why important	69				69
9. How do you like to learn about history?	Book	73				73
	TV	74				74
	visit	89				89
	guided tour	85				85
	Talk	73				73
	Self-guided trail	58				58
	Gaming	14				14
	Re-enactment and drama	37				37
10. About you	Gender	Male	Female	Blank		
		43	49	19		111
	Age	>21	>40	>60	>90	Blank
		8	8	50	37	8
	Live in parish?	Yes	No	Unsure		
	86	12	13		111	