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Direct Dial: [REDACTED]

Our ref: P00556637

2 March 2017

Dear Mr Stanworth

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**THE SILL VISITOR CENTRE, ONCE BREWED, HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND,
NE47 7AN
Application No. 17NP0016**

Thank you for your letter of 1 March 2017 regarding further information on the above application for planning permission. On the basis of this information, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Although changes have been made to the application, which provide welcome clarity in some areas, the revised external signage plan still features an area labelled: 'For all works north of the B6318 see dwg. no. SIL-GK-00-ZZ-DR-L-8200'. Given the location of this area within the protected Vallum, an issue raised in our previous advice, we would ask for written clarification as to what works are planned in this area fall within the current application, or for this label to be removed if no works are now planned.

Other plans for this area north of the B6318 road also feature a prominent black dot within the Vallum, not apparently labelled on the plan key, but which seems to indicate signage. Again, we would ask for clarification as to what this refers to.

Recommendation

Historic England has concerns regarding the application on heritage grounds.

Paragraph 128 of the NPPF makes clear the need for sufficient detail to allow an informed understanding of the impact of any application, and therefore whilst we would be happy to provide further advice once clarification of the above has been provided, until this has been done we would advise against the determination of this application.

Your authority should take these representations into account and seek amendments,



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safeguards or further information as set out in our advice. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely



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