

Dear Steven,

I'm writing to voice my sadness and outrage at yet another piece of our history being so easily discarded - of course I'm referencing Permit application P27923 for VHR0703 Former Hoffmans Brickworks.

I have lived in the Brickworks area for nearly 8 years now and one of the reasons I chose this area was the heritage connection and history the Brickworks signifies. It is sad but not surprising to discover yet another developer who's trying to sneak through changes at the 11th hour.

I have always supported the redevelopment of the area and the original plans for development (MPS/2008/313) which not only retained the value and historical aspects of the area but gave a wonderful balance of old and new - allowing for a modern design while retaining the important factors that make the area so intriguing. This is so important in our world of 'now' - having respect for those times that allowed and pushed us forward gives us a chance to reflect and value where we came from. To so insidiously dismiss it is extremely disappointing and in my opinion will have negative effects on the neighbourhood.

The new proposal takes away the value of the embedded history of the area, ripping any shred of historical value and respect away leaving a building in its place that will overshadow all others in not only horrendous aesthetics but also as a constant reminder that the owners have no respect for Heritage, the area or in fact the people that inhabit it.

I beg you to consider their application carefully and see it for what it is - a reneging on the past plans and promises made as well a direct slap in the face to the neighbourhood and any historical value it has.

Yours sincerely,