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Paul Butler Associates secure permission for 96 new homes in historic Rochdale

Salford-based planning and heritage consultants Paul Butler Associates have gained outline planning and conservation area consent for 96 new homes at the vacant Spotland New Mill site in Spotland Bridge Conservation Area, Rochdale.

The scheme, which was approved by Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council's planning committee last night [02 December 2010], includes the conversion of the site's historic mill building and gate house into 15 apartments and the building of 81 two, three and four-bed houses. The mill site's landmark red brick chimney will also be retained as a focal point.

The 1.5 hectare mill site was originally developed as a woollen mill in the 1870s, but was converted to cotton production in 1888. In 1941 it was purchased by Dexine Rubber Company Ltd and was used as a rubber works until the company relocated in 2008. The site has been vacant since.

Tom Flanagan, Director at Paul Butler Associates said:

'We have worked closely with the Council's planning and conservation team and English Heritage throughout the application process and are delighted that the planning committee agrees that the scheme will ensure the long-term retention and viable reuse of the site's most significant historic buildings and that the new build development will be sympathetic to the conservation area's special character.'

A reserved matters planning application for landscaping will now be prepared.

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Notes to editors

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2. Paul Butler Associates is a Salford-based independent chartered planning, development and heritage consultancy that provides specialist advice for public and private sector clients.

The practice was founded by Paul Butler in 1992. Paul wanted to provide professional, independent, cost-effective and imaginative advice to public and private clients and this remains our motivation today.

The practice has grown steadily since its foundation and we now have a committed and experienced team of qualified professionals who understand the interests and aspirations of developers, the responsibilities of local authorities and the needs of local communities.

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