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SLATE HALL FARM BUILDING HERITAGE APPRAISAL STATEMENT

RPS (a Tetra Tech Company) act as the heritage consultant to LDL on the Cambridge 25 development project. We have been asked to appraise whether we consider the Slate Hall Farm building to be a non-designated Heritage asset (NDHA) or otherwise, in the light of the draft GCLP site allocation indicating that this has the 'potential' to be a NDHA. We have undertaken our heritage appraisal informed by our inspection of the building and its setting and research.

Policy S/SHF: Land North of A1307 Bar Hill (Slate Hall Farm) includes the following statement:

The development of Land North of A1307, Bar Hill (Slate Hall Farm) must do the following:

[...]

7. Mitigate the impact of the development on Slate Hall Farm, a potential non-designated heritage asset, and its setting.

[...]

Slate Hall Farm is shown on Ordnance Survey mapping from the late 19th century onwards as a typical square courtyard farmstead with an entrance at the south-western corner. The ranges making up three sides of the courtyard were demolished between the 1950s and the 1970s and replaced with generic 20th century large farm storage buildings, probably as part of the reorganisation and modernisation of the farmstead that included the construction of the current detached farmhouse to the south-west. The southern range and the southern end of the western range are the only remaining parts of the nineteenth century farmstead that survive. The southern range is split into a two-storey brick with cement render building which seemingly continues to be in residential use and a single storey building. The building has no intrinsic heritage interest and no real legibility as having originated as part of a courtyard farmstead

The present setting of the 19th century farm buildings comprises their immediate surroundings of mixed 20th century commercial, storage and light industrial uses. This results in a very modern, un-agricultural setting. The wider surroundings do provide a more agricultural setting, though the farmhouse and modern commercial activity are markedly contained by perimeter planting, and the farm and the fields do not present as an obvious co-functional group.

We therefore adjudge the Slate Hall Farm building not to be a non-designated heritage asset.

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Slate Hall Farm



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