Preliminary Scoping Report for the Culture and Prosperity Commission's review of the way in which Derby City Council promotes the part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site that lies within the City boundary

Below is an extract from the draft scoping report, which was agreed at the last meeting of the Commission. The extract outlines the suggested methodology and timetable for the review.

5. Suggested Methodology

It is suggested that the following very simple methodology could be adopted for the review:

Table 1

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| | Requirement | Action to achieve | | | | | |
| 1 | Familiarise the Commission with the parts of the World Heritage Site that lie within the City boundary and with the way in which those parts of the Site relate to the World Heritage Site as a whole. | Tour of the part of the Derwent Valley World Heritage site within Derby and of the Site as a whole. This would take most of one day. | | | | | |
| 2 | Identify what has been done so far to promote those parts of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site that lie within the City Boundary, and of what it is proposed to do to promote them. | Interviews with: The Councils representatives on the Management Panel (the Derwent Valley Partnership) and the Technical Panel The World Heritage Site Co-ordinator Representatives of Derby City Partnership | | | | | |
| 3 | Compare what has been done to promote the Derwent Valley Mills Site with the actions/initiatives taken at similar World Heritage Sites in the UK. | This could be done by structured visits to: Ironbridge (one day) Blaenavon (one day) Saltaire (one day) New Lanark (have indicated they could visit us in Derby) and by interviews with members of the management bodies at each of these sites. As well as promotion the interviews would need to explore issues such as cost and staffing and overall resources. | | | | | |

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| 4 | Sound out local opinion on the way in which Derby people think that the Derwent Valley Mills site should be promoted | This could be done through an open meeting with the local community meeting in Darley Abbey. This meeting could be publicised through the Area Panel 5 meeting in December 2004. If Roy Hartle is co-opted to the commission it may be possible to engage him in organising a public meeting of Darley Abbey residents. |
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| | | Derby Museums staff will be able to provide the Commission with information about the current proposals to develop the Silk Mill. |

6. Time Commitment and Provisional Timetable for the Review

A provisional timetable for the review is set out in Table 2 below:

Table 2

| | Activity | Provisional dates |
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| 1 | Tour of the whole Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site | Early November 2004 |
| 2 | Interviews with: Isla Macneal – World Heritage Site Coordinator for Derwent Valley Mills Partnership Mike Kaye - Derby City Council Technical Panel Representative Cllr Maurice Burgess – Derby City Council Management Panel Representative Cllr Paul West – Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Cultural Services Museums Service Staff – Anneke Bambery, Head of Museums Representatives of Derby City Partnership Darley Abbey Mill owner(s) Silk Mill owner(s) | Late October- mid November 2004 |

| 3 | Commission visits to: Ironbridge Blaenavon Saltaire New Lanark – possible visit from coordinator there – Sarah Jane Brazil The visits would involve a tour of the sites and interviews with the Management body representatives | November 2004 |
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| 4 | Open meeting with Darley Abbey representatives | Early December 2004 |
| 5 | Circulation of the collated evidence | Mid January 2004 |
| 6 | Commission meeting to review evidence and agree recommendations | 31 January 2005 – this is a scheduled meeting of the Commission |
| 7 | Report written, circulated for comments and revised as appropriate | Early February 2005 |
| 8 | End point – aim for report to 15 March 2005 Cabinet meeting – deadline for draft reports is 24 February 2005 | 15 March 2005 |

Based on this timetable the provisional time commitment for Commission members would be:

Visits – 4 or 6 days (depending on whether a visit is made to New Lanark) Interviews – 8-10 hours over three or four days Open meeting – one evening.