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CASE STUDY

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Riber Castle, Matlock

Client: Crosstower Ventures Ltd

Location: Derbyshire

HOW Planning on behalf of Crosstower Ventures Ltd has secured planning permission for the historic Riber Castle at Matlock in Derbyshire.

Details

Derbyshire Dales District Council resolved in 2005 to support a creative scheme to rebuild the Castle within the remaining building shell and develop 26 apartments. Other buildings within the grounds would also be converted to a further 9 units, with 10 new build in the former pleasure gardens. These 10 amounted to crucial “enabling development” in the terms of English Heritage’s policy statement ‘Enabling Development and the Conservation of Heritage Assets: a basis to consider development that is contrary to policy where important heritage benefits are secured.



Riber Castle is a semi derelict landmark towering over the Derbyshire spa town of Matlock, constructed in 1862 by John Smedley as a grand private residence. For many years it has been empty and the structure has declined to the point that its future survival is at serious risk.

The application was subject to a call in inquiry in November 2005, and the Secretary of State granted planning permission.

