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Major Regeneration Scheme for Macclesfield

Project: Black Lane
Client: Blantyre (Macclesfield) Limited
Location: Macclesfield



Acting on behalf of Blantyre (Macclesfield) Ltd, HOW Planning has secured approval for the re-development of Barracks Mill on Black Lane in Macclesfield. Planning consent will be issued following completion of a legal agreement with the Council. The project will transform the 2.7 hectare site which has been derelict since fire destroyed the existing buildings in 2004.

A full planning application was submitted for a high quality retail scheme comprising a 4645 sq m DIY warehouse with associated builders yard, garden centre, bulky goods unit and a



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restaurant. The site is considered to be one of the most significant regeneration opportunities in Macclesfield.

The retail scheme will be accessed via a new road, leading off Silk Road, leaving the existing Black Lane entrance dedicated to deliveries and to provide an emergency access only. The application also includes a new footbridge over the River Bollin providing pedestrian access to the Middlewood Way.

Says Jon Suckley, Principal Planner at HOW Planning:

“The derelict buildings at Barracks Mill occupy a prominent location near to Macclesfield town centre. These plans will transform what is currently a very unattractive, yet high profile site which contributes nothing to the local area or the image of Macclesfield, into a high quality retail development which will significantly contribute to the ongoing regeneration of the area.”

Eric Hall, Planning Director representing Blantyre said:

“The site has been a problem for the local community for a number of years and is desperately in need of redevelopment. The approval is an important stage in achieving that goal.”