

Consultation Response from WY Archaeology Advisory Services**2024/91316 Clough House, 236, Leeds Road, Birstall, Batley, WF17 0HW****Conversion of existing dwelling and outbuilding to create 6 apartments and erection of 17 dwellings****Date Responded: 1/7/24****Responding Officer: Glyn Davies****Responding Ref: 2024/91316 Clough House**

My colleague has previously commented on a proposed similar development of the site as there is no change in our knowledge of the site the previous comments are still valid and are copied below.

2022/92356 Erection of 17 dwellings and change of use and alterations to Clough House and Barn to form 6 flats [Listed Building] Clough House, 236, Leeds Road, Birstall, Batley, WF17 0HW

Clough House and its barn are listed grade II (National Heritage List for England No. 1473101 and West Yorkshire Historic Environment Record MWY13076). However, it is clear from the documents provided both buildings have been much altered.

There remains the possibility that Clough House has earlier origins, the Gotts who built it are recorded as living in Holden Clough in the earlier 18th century and an earlier dwelling may have been expanded into the present house. However, the survival of significant evidence this seems unlikely given the present appearance and plan form of Clough House.

There is no suggestion of earlier occupation in the proposed new build areas of the proposed development. To the south and west there is potentially evidence of 18th or early 19th century landscaping whilst to the rear late 20th century uses are recorded. The brick garden wall and covered seat or bothy are unusual and rightly protected by listing.

In this instance, the West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service do not consider there is a need for further archaeological and architectural recording.

Best regards

Glyn