Application Ref: NP/16/0677/FUL

Case Officer

Kate Attrill

Applicant Agent

Bluestone National Park Resorts Ltd Mr R Bowen, Asbri Planning Ltd

Proposal

Conversion & restoration of existing Mill and ancillary buildings to provide heritage tourist facility. Construction of light narrow gauge steam railway with associated station & platform. Construction of 658sq.m all-weather events barn & associated facilities, cycle parking, car parking, site infrastructure including drainage services

along with hard & soft landscaping & boundary

treatments.

Site Location

Blackpool Mill, Blackpool Bridge, Narberth,

Pembrokeshire, SA67 8BL

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Officer's Appraisal

The following planning and listed building consent applications have been submitted to the National Park Authority for consideration:-

NP/16/0677/FUL - Conversion & restoration of existing Mill and ancillary buildings to provide heritage tourist facility. Construction of light narrow gauge steam railway with associated station & platform. Construction of 658sq.m all-weather events barn & associated facilities, cycle parking, car parking, site infrastructure including drainage services along with hard & soft landscaping & boundary treatment at Blackpool Mill, Blackpool Bridge, Narberth

NP/16/0678/LBC – Listed Building Consent for the conversion & restoration of existing mill building & ancillary buildings to provide heritage tourist facility at Blackpool Mill, Blackpool Bridge, Narberth

NP/0679/FUL - Engineering works to facilitate the land train route from main resort centre, due north, to link with newly refurbished & extended car park to serve the Blackpool Mill proposal at Blackpool Mill

Blackpool Mill is a Grade II* Listed building on the northern bank of the Eastern Cleddau, at Blackpool Bridge dating from 1813. The Mill was first converted to a tourist attraction in 1968, and was listed in 1971 as an exceptionally fine industrial building which survives virtually intact and includes a full working set of machinery. Currently the Mill and its ancillary buildings are standing vacant.

The development proposes to convert Blackpool Mill into an 'immersive Victorian attraction' with ancillary development to the west and south of the Mill including:

- a narrow gauge steam railway,
- erection of station platforms (2)

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- visitor walks
- the construction of an all-weather 'events' barn including catering element,
- car and coach parking on the opposite side of the road
- conversion of an existing building to an engine shed
- conversion of an existing building to a café Fish and Chips
- Main Mill building used for tea room, milling experience, History/Discovery experience and Creative crafts.

A proposal for a land train route from the Bluestone Resort to Blackpool Mill is also proposed as part of the overall development.

As these form major development it is requested that members consider a Committee site visit to view the site and its surroundings prior to consideration of the planning and listed building applications at a subsequent Committee meeting.

Recommendation

Members agree to a Committee site visit at Blackpool Mill on Monday 27th February 2017



