

Good afternoon,

I have raised your concerns with the Environment Agency and our Building Control officers. Due to the culvert not being an EA asset, any damage caused to the culvert as a result of the work would be a civil matter to be resolved between the riparian owner and the developer. I therefore asked Building Control to take a look. Please see their comments below:

Potential Threat to Culvert Under Hollins Mill, Walsden

Remarks from our local Building Control Surveyor.

I visited Hollins Mill this morning to investigate the concerns raised by Todmorden Town Council. A section of the weaving sheds was demolished over 12 months ago. This work involved the removal of the north light roof structure and repair/partial rebuilding of the boundary wall. Following a short visual inspection and an assessment of historic photographs, it would appear that no significant additional loading has been imposed upon the culvert.

I hope this answers your query but please get in touch should you require any further information.

Flood Risk/Drainage Engineer

CMBC Flood Risk Team

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To: Flooding <Flooding@calderdale.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Potential Threat to Culvert Under Hollins Mill, Walsden

Hello,

I am writing for your help regarding a potential threat to the culvert that runs under Hollins Mill, Walsden.

Planning permission was granted by Calderdale Council for a partial demolition of the weaving shed next to Hollins Mill. This demolition and consequent building has taken place however, concern has been raised by the owner of Hollins Mill that the conditions attached to the planning permission have not been fully adhered to. In particular, it has been suggested that the wall adjoining Rochdale Rd has been raised higher than agreed and that the additional weight of this could put pressure on the culvert underneath.

Unfortunately, Shade Chapel in Todmorden had to be demolished at great cost recently because the culvert there was under threat. Todmorden suffers a great deal from flooding and there is concern that the culvert at Hollins Mill should be checked by engineers to ensure that it is secure as a flood caused by this could be devastating for the area.

I have also reported this to Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency for their input.

Kind regards,

Susan

Susan Miles

Assistant Town Clerk