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Grade One Listed Temple Works for Sale by Auction

The Grade One Listed Temple Works building has been put on the market for sale by auction on 7th December with no reserve. This follows a decision by Burberry not to pursue an option to make use of the building themselves earlier in the year.

Commenting on this news Leeds Civic Trust Director Martin Hamilton said

“This is considered by many – including English Heritage and Leeds City Council – to be one of the most important historical buildings in Leeds. Its architectural and historical significance are significant.”

Martin added

“The news that the building is to be auctioned off must therefore be received with some trepidation. We only hope that, if it is sold, the new owner will be able to bring the necessary imagination – and investment – to the table, to restore this magnificent mill, and to bring it back into use.”

Notes to Editors

Temple Works is a Grade I listed former flax mill in Holbeck. Built in 1836 for mill owner John Marshall, in a unique Egyptian style inspired by his visits to Egypt, it was once considered the largest room in the world. To maintain the necessary humidity in the building, the roof was once covered with grass and was used for sheep grazing.

Holbeck is currently the subject of several planning applications for residential and office use, including proposals from CEG for a scheme which would include the tallest building in Leeds, and proposals to bring the disused viaduct back to use as a pedestrian walkway. The area will change significantly over the next 15 years with the arrival of HS2 and a refurbished and expanded Leeds City Station

Auction details included here: <http://www.pugh-auctions.com/Lot/Leeds/20171207/087#>

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