

### **3. GREEN SPACE:**

**3.1** This green space to the rear of the Mill is designated as "open space", and will remain so. No harm will befall the trees. All are protected and will be retained. However, there is no public access to the land. It will remain as required as open space/private garden for Dr Deakin, her family and trainees on courses. Suggestions that this level has any special wildlife value are quite unfounded. It has visual amenity value, but as is well known, Sycamore trees and mown grass, with little undergrowth, tend to be a wildlife desert with little more than overflying birds and bats. No birds or bats reside in the Mill, or seem disposed to nest on the site. Even so, anything which is there now will not be disturbed. Indeed, the site, if converted to a garden with appropriate landscaping is likely to be more species friendly than now.

### **4. Conversion Works:**

**4.1** Conversion works will not, as feared, create disturbance to nearby residents. The work required is not a major construction project, and as with the work previously carried out will be mostly internal, apart from the installation of new access and window frames. Small local contractors will be used. Materials will arrive in small vans or lorries rather like the vehicles used by Ocado or Tesco to deliver to nearby households. Ruttled cobblestones and parked residents cars keep speed to a minimum. The derelict Mill itself is a far greater attraction/danger to children than contractor's vehicles. The fact that residents of Rose Grove do not appear to have noticed the similar work being carried out on the Royd Square face of the building, indicates the low impact on the area. Fear of change is natural, but in this case it does seem that the nature of the proposals have been much misunderstood, and greatly exaggerated.