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NEW RESIDENTIAL PROPOSALS FOR THE SITE OF THE FORMER LIBERAL CLUB, WATERSWALLOWS ROAD, FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.

Project No. 1101 Heritage Statement

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- THIS WATERSWALLOWS ROAD SITE OCCUPIES AN IMPORTANT POSITION UPON THE TOWN BOUNDARY ON THE EDGE OF FAIRFIELD COMMON. THE WATERSWALLOWS BUILDINGS PRESENT A FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE BUXTON TOWNSCAPE TO VISITORS TRAVELLING FROM MANCHESTER ON THE A6 TRUNK ROAD.
- THE APPEARANCE OF THE EXISTING HISTORIC STONE COTTAGES HAS BEEN DECIMATED IN RECENT DECADES BY THE INTRUSION OF COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISE. VEHICLE REPAIR PREMISES HAVE DEMANDED THE ALTERATION OF THE DOMESTIC FASCADE, UPON THE ADJACENT BUILDINGS. THIS APPLICATION SITE HAS SUFFERED SEVERSAL AD-HOC SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONSTO PROVIDE THE SINGLE-STOREY OPEN-PLAN SPACE REQUIRED BY THE FORMER OCCUPIER (THE LIBERAL CLUB).
- AS A RESULT, ONLY THE UPPER FLOOR SHELL OF THE ORIGINAL SEMI-DETACHED STONE COTTAGE REMAINS.
- IT IS OUR INTENTION TO DEMOLISH THE DISPARATE COLLECTION OF EXTENSIONS, AND CLEAR THE APPLICATION SITE, TO RESTORE THE RESIDENTIAL FABRIC OF THIS SECTION OF WATERSWALLOWS ROAD. EMULATING THE GEORGIAN SPLENDOUR OF PAVILION GARDENS, BUXTON, WITH TALLER STONE AND SLATE TERRACED PROPERTIES OVER-LOOKING THE COMMON.
- THIS TO REFLECT THE SCALE OF THE ADJOINING (REMAINING) DWELLINGS ON WATERSWALLOWS, AND REDUCING IN HEIGHT TO THE SMALLER 2-STOREY EXISTING SEMI-DETACHED HOMES ON CROSS STREET.
- CONSTRUCTION METHODS AND MATERIALS ARE TOTALLY TRADITIONAL, AND WITH OFF-STREET PARKING DISCRETELY LOCATED AWAY FROM THE PRINCIPAL ELEVATIONS, THE DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT INCREASE TRAFFIC OR PARKING DEMAND, AND ENHANCE THE BUILDINGS PERIMETER OF FAIRFIELD COMMON.
- EXISTING PHOTOGRAPHS COLLECTION ATTACHED.

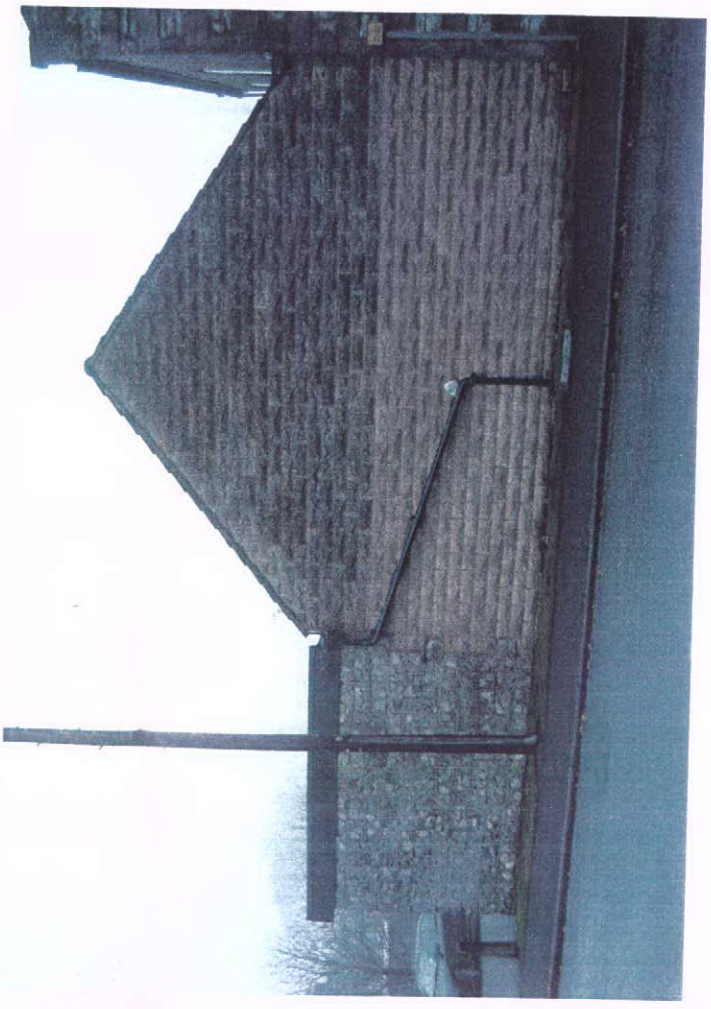
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