Statement of Significance
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Unit G1, Wren Nest Mill, Glossop

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Statement of Significance has been prepared by Matthews & Goodman in support of a planning application for the installation of a new entrance doorway and replacement of an existing doorway at Unit G1, Wren Nest Mill, Glossop. This Statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Planning Policy Statement 5.

2. APPLICATION PROPOSAL

2.1 The application proposal is for the replacement of an existing doorway and the introduction of a new doorway to the front elevation of Wren Nest Mill.

2.2 The existing unit has a single entrance 0.9 metres wide located to the east side of the unit. This existing doorway is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the applicant. As a supermarket the majority of customers will utilise trolleys, provided by the store to undertake their shopping. As such the existing entrance alone is not sufficient to allow customers with trolleys to enter and exit the store at the same time creating a conflict between the two. As such the application proposal seeks to amend the existing doorway and propose a new doorway to the east on the elevation. The proposed new doorway will form the exit and the amended existing doorway will form the entrance.

2.3 The proposed new doorway and amended entrance will be of powder coated aluminium and will be coloured to match the existing windows.

3. SIGNIFICANCE

3.1 Wren Nest Mill is a grade II listed building. It was originally a cotton spinning mill constructed around 1840. It is constructed of course millstone grit and ashlar dressings with stone slate and modern tile roof. The building was fire damaged by arson in 1996 and a further fire in 2007.

3.2 In a wider context the Wren Nest Mill is set in the Wren Nest Conservation Area west of Glossop town centre.

3.3 The Conservation Area Appraisal identifies that terraces dominate the area and the contrast between the scale of the residential properties and the Mill. In relation to Wren Nest Mill the Appraisal identifies its utilitarian character with a strong rhythmical pattern of window openings.

4. ASSESSMENT

4.1 The application proposal has been designed to meet the applicant's requirements, in terms of their business operation, whilst maintaining the significance of the building and maintaining its character.

4.2 The proposed new doorway, which will form the exit, utilises an existing window in the building. The proposed new doorway will retain the lintel and will maintain the rhythm created by the evenly spaced openings on the building.

4.3 As the proposed doorway will replace a window the existing opening will need to be extended to ground floor level to accommodate the proposed door. The photograph below shows that the existing window's sill level is below the adjacent car park level. As such the proposed extension of the opening to

ground level will not have a material effect on the appearance of the building given that it is hidden by the car park.



4.4 The window and door which are proposed to be replaced as part of this application are not original and are of no historical significance.

4.5 The application proposal is compliant with Saved Policy 22 which requires the form and character of listed buildings to be retained in any alterations and Saved Policy 17 which requires external materials to be sympathetic to the listed building.

4.6 The application proposal maintains the significant elements of this Grade II listed building maintaining the character of the building whilst providing alterations which meet the applicant's requirements.