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PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE 109 – 111 VICTORIA PARK ROAD, FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

The above premises were a Spar supermarket until 2010 when the shop moved to another building nearby to continue trading.

The Buxton Circuit of the Methodist Church wishes to use the building as a Community Centre. The Church describes the use as a Community 'Hub' to:-

1 Complement the current services and offer new ones according to assessed needs. (Different activity and support groups.)

2 Be an ongoing Community gathering place, independent of any statutory or educational establishments in the area, therefore enabling the community to develop ownership and a sense of connection to the centre as theirs.

3 Develop links with young people and families in particular and build up their support networks.

4 Build up relationships with councillors. faith groups and local residents, supporting ROFA in the further development of community forums and partnership in the area.

5 Offer relevant styles of Christian nurturing through activities such as Messy Church which the Church currently runs in the area.

The aim is to run a variety of groups up to 7 days per week between the hours of 9am and 10pm depending on the uptake of the community.

A small retail area is intended to help to cover running costs and meet any unmet community needs.

The above objectives will be met by the layout shown on the plans accompanying the planning application.

ACCESS

The building has level access to the front, and level access throughout. The rear, stepped, access will be used as an emergency and service access only. A disabled toilet meeting current Building Regulations requirements will be provided.

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