1 Market Street Chapel-en-le Frith SK23 0HH
Design and Access Statement

The application is for the change of use of the above property, from an office/retail unit to part retail unit part residential. The Building, which fronts on to Market Street is in the Conservation Area.

Originally a Bank the property has had a number of uses, the most recent being that of an office for a document storage service. During its life the building has had a number of additions and alterations leading to its current format which consists of a large open space to the ground floor, the original banking hall, together with the safe and a small office to the rear. Above this rear portion is a second storey which is currently toilets, canteen and storage.

This proposal involves

- The division of the old banking hall with the front half retained for retail purposes in connection with the owners business of classic motorcycle restoration and will form a show room. The frontage of the building will remain unaltered.
- The rear half of the banking hall will form a large kitchen/dining and living area whilst the roof space will accommodate the bedrooms and bathroom. The old safe will be converted to a shower and utility room as well as giving access to the rear and the first floor of the rear will become a lounge. The ground floor office will remain as an office to be used in connection with the business.
- The existing single storey building to the rear will remain as storage and it is proposed to build a deck over this and the rear yard area with access from the first floor lounge to provide an out door recreation area.
- The existing rear yard will be accessed via a new door to the rear of the building and a gateway will be formed in the rear wall to improve access and facilitate the handling of wheelie bins.

Access to the ground floor areas is reasonably easy. The original bank doors will be retained with an inner door giving access to the dwelling. Also an additional door will be formed in the rear wall giving direct access and egress from the dwelling.

The alterations will have minimal effect on the facades. The main elevation to Market Street will be unaltered. A small window will be introduced into the gable end at first floor level, this being necessary to facilitate escape during a fire. The rear elevation will see the introduction of a new door at ground level, a deck at first floor and minor alterations and improvements to the first floor fenestration.

Several Velux roof lights will be added to the rear pitch of the roof to the banking hall to serve the bedrooms and bathroom; however these are virtually hidden by the first floor of the rear building.

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