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Planning Dept,
High Peak Borough Council,
Municipal Buildings,
GLOSSOP.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Planning application for replacement shopfront, 6 Market Street, Chapel en le Frith

I enclose a revised set of four copies of each of drawings nos. 1201 / 1B, and 2B, showing slightly different detailing to that originally submitted.

I also provide the following as a Design and Access Statement, as requested.

1. The site is in a central, main road, position in Chapel-en-le-Frith, close to the Market Place. The environs include buildings of mainly C18th and C19th appearance. The front of No. 6 appears to have been added around 120 years ago to an earlier structure, as a shopfront.

   The shopfront at present is of much later construction, approx. 15 years old, and is not in good condition. It is not appropriate in terms of style or detail.

2. The intention is to restore the appearance of the shopfront to something more appropriate to its setting. There is no direct evidence of its previous appearance, and the application draws on other local precedents for its pattern, without being a replica of any one in particular.

   The proportions are distinctly vertical, and the joinery detailing is deliberately "Victorian".

3. Public access is as at present, with a small, tapering, tiled step as a result of the transverse slope of Market Street. The chequered tilework is worth retention, and it is hard to see how disabled access could be significantly improved in this location. The step has a minimum height of 40mm.

Yours faithfully,

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