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Design and Access statement: Proposed car park for Charlesworth Congregational Church with access off Chapel Brow/Monks Road, Charlesworth, Glossop.

Charlesworth Congregational Church, given it,s position has historically experienced problems with car parking both in terms of insufficient car parking space and the spilling over of parking by individuals which compromises highway safety, together with an access to existing parking area which is dangerous, and this application seeks to resolve this situation.
There has been extensive discussion with both highways and with the planning dept. at High Peak and we have endeavoured to include all matters raised by both parties within this application. The site has previously been granted planning approval for "car park and access off Monks Road" on 17 Sept 1984, application No. 021402.
In terms of design, we have retained the previously approved access/egress point and have included measures to slightly open up the vehicle sight pinch point by re-siting the stone retaining wall (using existing stone) to the roadway along the lines of a 2.4 x 90 metre sight line to the site access, with grading back of the surface to the roadway to highways requirements. The proposal will provide improved forward vision for vehicles travelling on Monks Rd/Chapel Brow whilst maintaining a road alignment which promotes respect for speed. It is our view that it would be best to introduce speed control measures by reducing the current speed limit past the church from its present 50 mph to 30 mph , and perhaps highways could be consulted on this.
The car parking area will be covered in a porous "paving" which allows grass to grow through thereby maintaining a "field" appearance with natural drainage, and we have included a raised bund to the north eastern and north western boundaries with tree and shrub planting in species relevant to the area and in accordance with High Peak requirements. Any new stone to construct the ramp and steps will be to match existing, and stone flags will be used to surface the ramp and steps.
Within the scheme we have provided disabled parking bays immediately adjacent the ramp and steps with an egress point offset from the church entrance to create a stop and look point for safety. There is also further provision of disabled parking bays within the existing church car parking area, which will double up as parking for maintenance vehicles when the church is not in use.
Included in the scheme is a kerb edging and concrete "benching" to the base of the existing stone retaining wall to the church graveyard, this is to provide a water run off away from the base of the wall to prevent corrosion of the stone (as is evident at present) and provide long term stability.

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