STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE & IMPACT: *ASSESSMENT TABLE*

Proposed Works (*item by item*):	**Significance of the historic fabric/area that will be affected:**	**The impact of the proposed work(s) on the historic fabric/area:**
1. *Sign Lettering on the South Elevation above the Main Entrance.* *Wording =* **WHALEY BRIDGE UNITING CHURCH**	*The Church Complex is a Grade 2 Listed Building, situated in the Conservation Area of Whaley Bridge, fronting onto Buxton Road (the main road running through the centre of Whaley Bridge).* *The building has recently undergone an extensive programme of Building & Refurbishment Works (completed in April 2011,) which included the remodelling the Southern Gable End, where it is proposed to install the new Sign Lettering. The Lettering will be carefully fixed to what is the newly constructed stone façade (refer to enclosed photographs & drawings for details).* *Further details of the History of the Church Complex are contained in the enclosed Design & Access Statement which was submitted with the Application for the major works – copy enclosed for information and reference.*	*The style, material ("Brushed Stainless Steel") & scale of the proposed Lettering has been carefully considered to ensure it reflects the simple nature of the Southern Façade, furthermore it would be positioned in a balanced manner in association with the simple Cross already fixed on the façade – full details are provided in the Photographs & Drawings.* *It is also the Churches intention to remove the existing Church Sign from the south end of the Building Complex, subject to this Application for the new Sign being approved.* *It should be noted that the existing Sign (details on the enclosed photographs) is not in keeping with the style of the existing building and its replacement with the new sign will bring a positive improvement to the overall appearance of this important building.*
2. *Notice Board, alongside the principle access pathway, leading to the Main Entrance on the South Elevation.*	*The Building status is as noted above and in the enclosed information. The proposed location of the Notice Board has been carefully chosen in order that it can optimise its usage and provide a good level of accessibility to Church Visitors and also members of the public using the adjacent highway footpath on Buxton Road.* *It will not have any effect on the existing fabric of the Building – being freestanding on the tarmac pathway. Nor is it considered that it will affect the "historical" quality of the setting or its neighbourhood.*	*As with the Lettering above, the style & type of Notice Board has been carefully selected to minimise its visual impact on the locality and the Church Building; as has its positioning, whereby aligning the lower line of the Notice Board with the line of the new Garden Wall, thereby keeping the visual lines clear & uncluttered – all as illustrated on the enclosed information.* *It should be noted that in addition to the core activities of the Church, the Church Complex is used by a significant number and wide range of "Community" Groups providing a multitude of activities to both the local & wider community.* *The provision of this facility is considered to be very much in-keeping with the recent alterations & improvements (in both structure & appearance) to the Southern End of the Church Complex and a Notice Board of this nature is an essential component of the Church Activities and to those users whose combined activities sustain what is a Building of significant Historical importance in the heart of the Community of Whaley Bridge.*