The Old Cross, Old Glossop

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT **26th October 2012**



The Old Cross, late 19th Century

INTRODUCTION

The cross is located at Old Cross, Old Glossop. The cross is located to the centre of the road called Old Cross. From 1157 to the 15th century the monks of Basingwerk Abbey (North Wales) erected crosses at a number of locations around Glossop to mark the boundaries of the area they held, this cross in Glossop being an example of one of these medieval land boundary points. The cross is a Scheduled Monument with Grade II listing and is situated in the conservation area of Old Glossop. English Heritage describes the cross as follows in its register:

'The Market Cross OLD CROSS Old Glossop. Market cross. Probably C15, restored C20. Millstone grit. Octagonal shaft with pyramid stops on moulded base and squared plinth. Shaft rises to moulded cap. Surmounted by C20 celtic cross. Moved from original position adjacent to No.16 Church Street South (qv). Market charter granted 1290.'

The listed building application which this design and access statement relates to is for the proposed works as detailed below:-

- Repair to damage caused by vehicle collision with the Cross in early 2012;
- Raising of whole Structure, including plinths to reveal approximately 150mm of base plinth;
- Assumed buried existing support stones to corner of base plinths (as shown in image 'The Old Cross, late 19th Century' above) to be lifted and installed or new in Millstone Grit stone to match existing stone to exposed parts of Cross.
- Pointing is to be undertaken with Hydraulic Lime mortar, with the shade to be agreed with the Conservation Officer.

USE

The Cross provides a focal point for Old Glossop, and is a well-known local landmark. Much interest has been shown in the local press regarding the Cross due to the recent damage caused by a motor vehicle collision. The image below shows the current state of the Cross whilst it awaits repair, this damage principally causing displacement of the stonework forming the plinth:



Displacement of stonework to the Old Cross caused by vehicle collision, 2012

LAYOUT/APPEARANCE

The Cross is located in the centre of the Old Cross (street name) as shown on attached plans, and is to be retained in this location. It has formerly being located to the extreme east of the road called Old Cross, being moved to its current location in the 19th century.

The works are to not only repair the damage caused by the vehicle collision but also the opportunity is being taken to raise the Cross by approximately 150mm to expose the base plinth again and provide support stones, as per those shown on the 'The Old Cross, late 19th Century' image, to all corners of the Cross.

Any new stonework will be Millstone Grit if needed for the corner supports and thus be to match existing.

The works do not affect the local streetscape of the conservation area but are simply to repair the damage caused by the vehicle collision and to restore the Cross back to its original state prior to the 20th century.

CAR PARKING/ACCESS

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