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Design and Access Statement

Proposed Conversion of Pump House and adjacent Offices / Stores to Multi-Use facility for Retail, Café and Day / Evening Use and in part Training Restaurant at The Old Pump House George Street Buxton

The application is being made by the University of Derby to bring back into use vacant and unused buildings at George Street Buxton.

The buildings currently comprise a pump house and former offices/ stores. The two buildings will be connected to create a new unit.

Historically the buildings have been used for a number of uses – initially as garaging the subsequently as stores, offices, retails and, in part, as a bakery.

It is not intended to create new floor space, the proposed use will bring back into use the existing floor-plate. There is not an intention to extend or affect the volume of space. As such the impact on the surroundings will be minimal, save that the building will have life breathed back into it.

The building will have a contemporary feel internally whilst reflecting its historical roots. External alterations are kept to a minimum.

The building is currently closed and access is not available to the public. Part of the proposal is to open up the former pump house and have this as a display feature internally. The restaurant will be open to the public. It is envisaged that the restaurant will be run as a part training facility – allowing students 'real-life learning' opportunities.

Innes England – Agent for The University of Derby
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