

**Heritage Statement
for
White Stuff
40-42 Spring Gardens
BUXTON
SK17 6BZ**

Site and setting:

Developed as a Georgian spa town in the 1780s, Buxton is the gateway to the Peak District National Park. Spring Gardens was developed in Victorian times and has become the principal pedestrianised shopping street in Buxton.

40-42 Spring Gardens occupy two adjacent shop units within a group block in Buxton Central Conservation Area. The buildings are not listed.

They currently exist as two separate retail units and were both mobile phone shops with ancillary staff accommodation to the rear.

Schedule of Works:

The proposal is to remove the existing shop fittings and create a double width shop with one entrance and an opening between the two units.

The existing building will be refitted internally on the ground floor and will be one retail unit with ancillary staff accommodation to the rear. Four external A/C condensers will be sited externally at the rear, replacing existing units. The shopfront with entrance doors on the RHS (no 40) will remain but the shopfront with entrance doors to the LHS (no 42) will be removed and replaced with a shop window to match the remaining timber shopfront. The timber shopfronts will both be repainted in Sanderson Purple Grackle. The fascias will be redecorated in Sanderson Purple Grackle with White Stuff's new logo applied to the painted timber fascia in Lime White with the shop number painted on the side.

The proposal includes structural works to create an opening between the two units.

Analysis of the archaeology, history, character and development:

The building was built in Victorian times with a stone facade. The interior was demolished in 1999 but the stone facade was retained and new shop units built behind.

Assessment of Impact:

There is no material change to the shopfront on the RHS but the shopfront to the LHS will be removed and replaced with a shop window which matches the remaining timber shopfront. The timber shopfronts will be repainted the shopfront in Sanderson Purple Grackle, a soft grey-purple colour sympathetic to the Buxton surrounding buildings.

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Justification:

The reason for the application is that White Stuff are taking on a lease of the two buildings and wish to create one retail unit within. There will be no alteration to the existing volume of the building overall.

Landscape plan:

No change