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High Peak Borough Council
Planning Department
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Planning Application Number: HPK/2022/0481
Applicant's Name: Scott Bradley
Location: Holly Bank, 76 Hall Street, New Mills
Proposed Development: Two storey rear extension

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing in connection with the above planning application. We have examined the plans proposed for the above extension and would like to voice our concerns.

At the time of purchasing our property 24 years ago, we had a full structural survey. In his report the surveyor stated that there had been settlement/subsidence-related damage to the rear outrigger section, where there was a fractional fall on the horizontal bed joints towards the rear. He judged the situation as stable at that time.

However, he said that one should be mindful of the fact that the foundations are likely to be relatively shallow in a property of this age. Therefore, they are under greater influence from sub-soil movement. The property was built in 1863, and the outrigger was added around 1900.

We are concerned that the proposed extension would interfere with the stability of our foundations and cause further movement.

Finally, if the proposed extension were to be approved, our boundary wall on the outrigger, which is totally detached from the neighbour's property, would become a party wall.

Yours faithfully

B P Bennett & J Bennett

