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Dear Sirs

Re HPK/2022/0516 and 0517 Northern Glass Works Manor Park Road Glossop SK13 7SH

The application is for conversion from industrial to residential use of a former small Methodist chapel, built in the 1830s and known locally as "The Tabernacle", together with its attached school which was added about 10 years later. Glossop, like many former cotton towns, has a rich history of Methodism, with numerous chapels, some very small and built by congregations which had broken away not just from the Established Church but also from mainstream or "Conference" Wesleyan Methodism. The Tabernacle, built by the local society of the Wesleyan Methodist Association or "Warrenites" was one such.

These early breakaway chapels, often funded by the mainly working-class congregations themselves rather than wealthy benefactors, were usually very plain and simple structures, but many, such as the Zion (Methodist New Connexion) Chapel in Simmondley which has recently been demolished, were altered and embellished externally during their working life, or conversion proposals involve significant external alterations, which significantly reduce their heritage value. In this case, however, the original chapel appears to be essentially as built including railings, and the proposals would retain that appearance.

The Heritage Statement is also much more thorough than tends to be the case for schemes of this size, or indeed many much larger ones, and very unusually the author took the trouble to contact the Trust, which has a collection of material on local Methodism, rather than relying solely on the standard online sources. The Trust therefore regards this proposal as being an example of good practice which if approved will protect a significant local heritage asset.

Yours faithfully

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For Glossop and District Heritage Trust

