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Development Control

High Peak Borough Council

Dear Sirs

Re HPK/2022/0387 Curly Cornet, 24 Henry Street Glossop SK13 8BW

This is a comment by the Trust addressing the history of the building.

The site is shown, on the 1848 conveyance to the railway company by the Duke of Norfolk and on the 1857 Poor Law Map, as being within the boundary of the station. There was no building there in 1857, but the single-storey part is shown on the Town Plan surveyed in 1879. It has been suggested that this was the main office of a coal merchant, Walter Thorp, who appeared in trade directories from 1876, but this seems unlikely as it was a very substantial business; his address is shown alternately as "Henry Street" and "Norfolk Square"; and whilst he did also have a second office on railway property, a newspaper report makes it clear that this was at the coal wharf, which was further west off Railway Street.

At some time between 1896 and 1908 a second, two-storey building was constructed against the first on the east side. As there is no sign of any external door on the ground floor it seems likely that the two buildings were linked internally, although they are shown as separate on subsequent maps. A spiral staircase led up to the wooden first floor. On a railway plan from the 1920s-30s the two buildings are referred to as "coal offices", and on a plan from the 1950s they are shown as a single "coal office."

The goods side of the station had closed by the 1970s, when photos show the upper, wooden, structure to be unused and showing signs of dilapidation. Between about 1980-84 it was rented by the County Council as the original office of the Volunteer Bureau (now The Bureau, in Bank House next door). In 1999/2000 permissions were granted for change of use of the combined ground floor to a café, and the upper part to a shoe repairer, but the upper structure has now been vacant for several years and the café closed over two years ago.

Although the building was within the station curtilage and there might have been an argument for "group Listing", it was not included in the Listing description in 1958. The lower, stone, parts appear to be fairly original externally, although the west wall has been rebuilt at some point since 1930 removing at least one window.

However, the photos in our archives from the 1970s show that almost all the external cladding of the upper storey, including door, moulded door and window frames, beaded panelling, decorative mouldings and guttering, has since been replaced, retaining the general appearance including window pattern but to a much plainer and more utilitarian standard. The moulding around the base may however be original. A further recladding, if done with reference to the original design, might therefore restore some of the heritage value.

Yours faithfully

Roger Hargreaves

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