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Glossop
SK13 8LW

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RE: Planning Application PP-12442582 No.2 Hob Hill Meadows, Glossop, SK13 8LW

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am seeking planning permission for the replacement of the existing doors and windows for the above property, which is located within the Whitfield Conservation Area. There will be no structural changes. This application is similar to approved planning application HPK/2021/0451 for No.4 Hob Hill Meadows, next door, and a number of other approved applications on Hob Hill Meadows.

Please note that this application has been submitted with a non-applicable fee exemption applied; as advised by High Peak Planning Officer Fay Plant to my neighbours at No.20 (HPK/2020/0300) when they submitted a similar application, there should be no fee for this application, but there was no suitable option in the fee section when submitting this application.

Heritage Statement

Hob Hill Meadows, off Hague Street, was developed in the late 1990s (HPK/0003/6217 – approved 05/08/1997) within the Whitfield Conservation Area and consists of 18 houses built of reclaimed natural stone and slate in a cottage period style. It is important that any home improvements undertaken at the property are in keeping with the Conservation Area requirements and support the Council's efforts to retain the historical characteristics of the area. In the past, windows and doors within the Conservation Area could only have been replaced using timber. However, in recent years uPVC windows and composite doors have been developed to such a high quality that it can be difficult to distinguish between these materials and real wood, especially if the more premium products are used. Comparatively, these products are more expensive than alternatives, but worth the investment.

Being in an elevated position, the property is exposed to the severe and prevalent winter weather conditions of the local Derbyshire Level. The proposed replacement windows and doors are more resilient and provide better insulation to stand up to such weathering and would be more fit for purpose than wood, their life span would far exceed the equivalent made from natural wood, and they would require less maintenance. The proposed windows and doors are more thermally efficient and would lose considerably less energy than timber frames, thereby having a positive environmental impact as well.

There are several properties within the conservation area which have already had heritage style uPVC windows and doors fitted including the immediate neighbours, and this application shares much in common with those and HPK/2021/0451 for No.4 Hob Hill Meadows.

If I can provide any further information in support of this application, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours Faithfully,

Paul McBride.