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Submission: Objection

Comments: I have been following the proposals for this site since 2018, when I supported Old Glossop Residents Association in their efforts to protect the historic buildings on the Shire Hill Hospital site from demolition. The buildings are not designated as listed buildings, but their status as non-designated heritage assets means your authority should take account of their significance in considering this reserved matters application.

I regret the demolition of the former infirmary block, on heritage and sustainability grounds, but accept this principle was agreed in the outline approval. It is therefore particularly important to retain as much as possible of the architectural and historic character of the retained former workhouse building. Please ensure that the date-stones on the infirmary building are retained on site, for example built into a new landscape feature, as a record of this part of Glossop heritage.

I object to the design of the proposed elevation of the former workhouse building (aka the Admin Block). The current reserved matters proposal, shown in the 'house types brochure' would harm the significance of this historic building. To protect the heritage significance of the former workhouse building (aka the Admin Building) the design could easily be improved by retaining more authentic historic features and amending some design features. More of the heritage details of the former barn could be retained by keeping the left and right stone door surrounds on the west elevation (as windows, with or without infill), and infilling the large barn doorway with glazing or timber rather than stone. If fully glazed, could the small study window above be omitted? The quoins of the north and south gables should be retained to clearly define the barn (these are not shown on the drawings), as well as other details that express the barn function such as the vents on the north gable.

On the Admin building, it would be much better in heritage terms to use a window design that follows the proportions of the original historic sash windows, rather than a side-hung casement window to match the rest of the new build. This would help to make this block legible in contrast to the new build, and respect its 1830s origins. Are all the extra windows needed, as these clutter the Georgian proportions of the frontage?. The gabled porches copy the 1980s additions and are not compatible with the Georgian architecture of this building; flat-roofed canopies or porches would be more appropriate, if they are necessary. I don't object to infilling behind the 'infill block' between the former barn and the main block, but the proposed roof creates an awkward junction with the barn's roof and affects the ability to 'read' the historic evolution of the retained buildings. Instead of extending the new roof onto the barn, it would be better to form a new west gable-end for the altered 'infill block', so the barn remains clearly defined as a separate element. I urge you to negotiate amendments to the elevations, to minimise harm to the heritage asset

I do not object to the layout of the new housing on the site of the infirmary block, which retains the historic linear development of the site, and am pleased to see the open area of grounds retained as landscaping on the south side of the buildings.

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