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Submission: Support

Comments: The Methodist Church in Chapel en le Frith provides valuable community outreach support. This includes a community cafe, charity shop, whose income is used to support other local and not just Church groups, an older peoples group, regular coffee morning for isolated residents, a community garden, which supports people with mental health issues and autisms. In addition to lots of other groups including Girls/Boys Brigade, CRESS Bible group, one off community fayres/events and exercise/slimming groups. COVID-19, had huge impact on the church, as not all older residents returned after the pandemic. In order to remain open and continue to maintain its outreach offer to the wider Chapel-en-le-Frith (and beyond) the Church needs to find different income streams. The development of an accessible holiday let, in an underutilised Church building, will provide a valuable, regular source of funding to underpin the community offer. A similar Holiday Let project, at Fernilee Methodist Church, has been fully booked since it opened and has fulfilled its promise of income generation to support its wider, not just Church community. I fully support this application, which will provide much needed financial support to an important community asset.

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