

Heritage Statement for Redevelopment at 3, Norfolk Square, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 8BP

1. Contextual Heritage Overview

Glossop, nestled in Derbyshire, stands as a testament to a rich tapestry of history, spanning from prehistoric times through the Industrial Revolution to the present day. The area's early significance is evidenced by Bronze Age and possibly prehistoric remains, with the Romans marking their territory through the construction of Ardotalia fort, highlighting Glossop's strategic importance through ages .

The Medieval period saw Glossop under the influence of notable families and religious orders, including the grant of the manor to Basingwerk Abbey by King Henry II and its later association with the Talbot family and the Dukes of Norfolk. This era was marked by agricultural developments, primarily centered around sheep pasture, pivotal for the local economy .

The Industrial Revolution heralded a transformative era for Glossop, shifting its economic base from agriculture to cotton spinning, driven by the local availability of soft water and skilled labor. This period saw the establishment of numerous mills, propelling Glossop into a significant centre for the cotton industry .

2. Local Architectural Heritage

Glossop's architectural heritage, particularly in Norfolk Square, echoes the town's industrial prosperity with buildings dating back to the 19th century. This area, central to Glossop's development, showcases the impact of the Dukes of Norfolk as landowners and developers. The square, originally known as Norfolk Gardens, hosts Grade II listed buildings, including the Norfolk Arms public house and the 1914 Partington Theatre, reflecting the architectural evolution and historical significance of the town's civic and commercial heart .

3. Proposal for Redevelopment

The proposed redevelopment of 3, Norfolk Square, from a shop selling shutters, blinds, and curtains to a café, respects and complements Glossop's rich heritage. The introduction of a kitchen and disabled toilet on the ground floor aims to enhance accessibility and utility, aligning with contemporary needs while retaining the building's historical essence.

The modification of the first three steps of the staircase for improved internal access and the cautious addition of the café's name to the front façade, without altering its form, demonstrates a commitment to preserving the architectural integrity of the Norfolk Square conservation area. The decision to leave the upper floor unchanged further underscores a mindful approach to heritage conservation.

4. Conclusion

This redevelopment project at 3, Norfolk Square is envisioned as a sensitive integration of modern functionality within a historic setting. By preserving the external façade and

respecting the site's architectural and historical context, the project aims to contribute positively to the vitality and heritage of Glossop, offering a contemporary space that honors its rich past.

In light of Glossop's historical depth, from its ancient roots to its industrial zenith, this project is positioned not only as a redevelopment but as a respectful continuation of Glossop's evolving story.

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