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To:
Stuart Talbot, Planning Officer
High Peak Borough Council
Buxton Town Hall
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RE: Planning Application HPK/2025/0104 – Woodcock View, Chapel Brow, Charlesworth

Dear Mr Talbot and Members of the Planning Committee,

We are writing in support of planning application HPK/2025/0104, submitted by our son-in-law, Mr David Winterbottom, for the re-modelling of the existing dwelling at Woodcock View in Charlesworth.

As family members with longstanding ties to the area, we are familiar with both the site and the careful approach that has been taken in developing this proposal. The design has been refined through dialogue with officers and heritage professionals, with the aim of producing a more appropriate and attractive building that responds positively to its setting.

We were particularly encouraged by the Heritage Consultant's assessment, which concludes that the proposed changes will enhance the setting of the Grade II-listed Independent Chapel and adjacent graveyard wall by replacing an intrusive structure with a more restrained, locally sympathetic design. We also understand that, following these revisions, the Conservation Officer is now supportive of the proposal.

In addition, ecological surveys have been completed, and a drainage strategy has been prepared to support sustainable surface water management — including features such as a green roof and permeable surfaces that promote biodiversity and reduce runoff.

The proposed re-modelling removes unsympathetic materials, replacing them with traditional stone and slate and a simplified form more in keeping with the character of the Charlesworth Conservation Area. We believe this scheme will result in a visual improvement and a net gain to the heritage setting.

We hope the committee will recognise the care and quality behind the proposal and support its approval.

Yours sincerely,
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