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Submission: Objection

Comments: Here's a more personal, human version that still keeps your key points strong:

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I'm really concerned about this proposal and what it would mean for our village.

The post office has only been closed for five months, which simply isn't long enough to conclude that it's no longer viable. There doesn't seem to be any clear evidence that it was properly marketed or given a fair chance to succeed as a shop or post office.

Losing this space would mean losing an important community facility that people rely on. It's not just about one business; it's about the role it plays in keeping the village connected and functional. Its loss goes against Policy CF1 of the High Peak Local Plan.

I'm also worried about the impact on the look and feel of the high street. Turning it into a non-commercial unit would leave a 'dead' shopfront among active businesses, which would harm the overall vitality of the village centre (contrary to Policy E1). Over time, this kind of change risks reducing footfall, affecting other local shops, and making the area feel less lively and welcoming.

As this is within a conservation area, the character of the street really matters. Even if the frontage itself isn't altered, removing an active shop use still changes the nature of the space and undermines the character of the area, which conflicts with Policy EQ6.

There's also a bigger concern about setting a precedent. If this change is allowed, it could open the door for more shops to be lost in the future, gradually eroding what makes the village special.

While the owners argue that there will be no physical changes to the frontage, this misses the point. The issue isn't just how the building looks, but how it functions within the community. An inactive shopfront still harms the street and the wider village.

Overall, this proposal would result in the unjustified loss of a valued community facility, weaken the vitality of the village centre, and fail to preserve the character of the conservation area. For these reasons, it conflicts with Policies CF1, E1, and EQ6 of the High Peak Local Plan.

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