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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am objecting to the proposal on the following grounds:

1) The property forms part of a continuous row of shops, which contributes significantly to the character and visual appeal of the Conservation Area. Retaining only the shopfront does not, in my view, preserve this character, as the building would no longer function as a commercial premises. Without an active business operating, there would be fewer visitors to the area, which could have a negative knock-on effect on surrounding businesses. This change risks introducing an inactive unit within an otherwise lively parade, potentially weakening the overall vitality of the Conservation Area.

2) While the applicant suggests that adequate natural light would be maintained, they also indicate that blinds would be installed over the large front window to ensure privacy. This would likely reduce the amount of daylight entering what would become a habitable room. In addition, the presence of blinds would detract from the traditional appearance of an active shopfront, thereby diminishing the character of the Conservation Area.

3) The proposal appears to conflict with several policies within the High Peak Local Plan. In particular, it may be contrary to Policy CF1, which seeks to protect important community facilities, and Policy E1, which aims to maintain the vitality and viability of village centres. Furthermore, it does not align with Policy EQ7, which is intended to safeguard conservation and historic areas.

4) The applicant doesn't seem to have marketed the space as a commercial opportunity since the PO closed which means that such an opportunity has not been properly explored.

To summarise, I object to the application due to the potential harm it could cause to both the Conservation Area and the wider village. Informally, I understand that many others share these concerns.

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