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Comments: I am sure this was a well-intentioned plan by local councillors to comply with the need to provide affordable housing but the current proposal is inappropriate and will not achieve that.

City & Centric has no connection with Buxton. It is a property developer and corporate landlord which is willing to fund this project because it will own the flats and receive the rent. It has no genuine interest in the town other than as a source of revenue. It will have no interest in the residents, or in managing and maintaining the buildings. Creating housing of this kind in a commercial area is inappropriate, particularly as there are other areas available within the town.

This "regeneration" plan is completely out of character. It is a bland, uniform city style solution being imposed on a country town, a town that has a fascinating and unique history and which cares about the individual. The promotional material for the design shows a complete ignorance of Buxton's unique climate and its lifestyle.

Spring Gardens is already a vibrant shopping area with no shortage of visitors, both residents and visitors. There are many better ways in which it could be improved, at the same time as preserving its character and provide additional housing. Any "regeneration" plan needs to come from within Buxton for the benefit of local people and Buxton's many visitors and not be imposed from outside for corporate gain.

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