

High Peak Borough Council

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Tuesday 1 September 2026

Dear Alex Bonser,

Proposal: Alteration and improvement of car park at the rear of the church to provide 13 car parking bays including one disabled bay with associated works.

Location: Whaley Bridge Uniting Church, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge, SK23 7HT

Waterway: Coombs Feeder Channel

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals and rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

Based on the information available our substantive response (as required by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)) is the following advice:

A piped section of the Coombs Feeder Channel, which carries a water supply from Coombs Reservoir to the Peak Forest Canal, is conveyed past the application site, running along the site's western boundary adjacent to Buxton Road. Having reviewed the proposed works, we consider that they are unlikely to adversely affect the feeder channel, although care should be taken when plant is accessing the site to ensure no damage or overloading to the culverted section beneath the car park access takes place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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