

Planning Application – Norridge Bottom, Holmfirth HD9 7BB Design and Access Statement (March 19)

The property is a stone built building, located In the centre of the Norridge bottom and thought to date back to the 19th century or earlier. The building is in a good condition and with not need any constructional changes. The application is for the refurbishment and change of use to the above existing premises at 7 Norridge Bottom, Holmfirth. The property has been out of use since Oct 2018 and was previously a Music Shop that held Gigs and sold Alcohol on an ad hoc basis.. Norridge Bottom itself (with its theatre/music venue, residential hotel and varied retail units) is a unique and characterful location in the thriving centre of Holmfirth. We intend to present the decoration inside the building to a high standard and highlight key aspects of the building such as highlighting the Stone walls and Stone Fireplace. The overall concept for the buildings future use will be a local bar, that will look to give back to the local economy and people in the area.

Historical Background

Holmfirth is a thriving community with a generous and creative spirit. It also attracts many people from the surrounding area and tourists from further afield who are the focus for a lot of what is on offer by the local amenities in the centre of Holmfirth - this tends to disenfranchise the local community. However there has been a recent decline in the town centre with several vacant units and a surge of charity shops. Future Aims and Ideals Our proposed venue on Norridge Bottom aims to be uncompromisingly local, providing both a creative and social hub for the people of Holmfirth. Taking inspiration from the local arts community and events such as Holmfirth Art Week and Holmfirth Film Festival, creative arts will be a primary focus for the venue which will include a gallery. However, this will be a multi-function space and offers will include: (a) Local and community social venue. (b) A venue to support musical artists and occasional film nights (c)/ Bar – Serving locally sourced real ale's and expertly crafted cocktails. All staffing would be locally based and given high level training for the processes involved. They would consequently be multi-tasking to manage all aspects of the operation. We aim to pay above average wages to ensure we have a fully committed and dedicated ongoing team interested in providing good service to returning customers and visitors. It is our intention that 5% of profits will, on an ongoing basis, be donated to charities to help with the upkeep of Holmfirth and look after it's local charities - thus giving back to the community that makes Holmfirth special.

Access

The premises access will remain unchanged utilising the existing access points (ginnel from Huddersfield Road and Norridge Bottom road) and affording such for both pedestrians and the limited vehicular movements, as presently exist for the retail units and hotel along Norridge bottom. There will be no parking allocation requirements relying, as many others do, on the existing transport provision in the locality For all intents and purposes this is a traditional town centre 'yard' access cul-de-sac which has remained basically unchanged for a substantial number of years and, as such, is an intrinsic feature of this area

Design

The Design of the current structure will not changed.