DESIGN, ACCESS & HERITAGE STATEMENT RELATING TO:

Erection of fixed timber framed Pergola (Canopy Shelter) within existing rear terrace area, including associated hard and soft landscaping works at:

THE ELEPHANT AND CASTLE PH, HOLLOWGATE, HOLMFIRTH HD9 2DG

1. Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared with reference to:

- NPPF (2026)
- Kirklees Local Plan
- Holmfirth Conservation Area Map
- Flood Map for Planning

This Statement should be read in conjunction with ADP Ltd., drawing no's 1357-01 to 1357-05 (incl.), Appendix A (Photographs), Appendix B (Design Details) and Appendix C (Flood Risk Assessment)

2. Site Assessment

2.01 Site Location & Setting

The Elephant & Castle PH is a core facility situated near the town centre, serving quality food and drink to local customers and visitors alike.
Located on Hollowgate (running into Lower Mill Lane), the site lies adjacent to the River Holme and within the Holmfirth Conservation Area.

The proposal will help to ensure the viability of this important town asset and hub of the community, well into the future.

2.02 Listing of Nearby Sites/ Properties

Although the Elephant & Castle PH is not listed, a 'Heritage Statement' is required because the proposed development falls within the Holmfirth Conservation Area and there are listed buildings located nearby.

- List Entry No. 1134830 **(**Located approx. 3.0m south-east of the proposals).
- List Entry No. 1228273 **(**Located approx. 3.5m south of the proposals).
- List Entry No. 1134885 **(**Located approx. 20.0m north-east of the proposals).

Heritage Category: Listed Building Grade: II
List Entry Number: 1134830
Date first listed: 04-Aug-1983
List Entry Name and Statutory Address: **12, NEW FOLD**
District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority)
Parish: Holme Valley
National Grid Reference: SE 14087 08064

Details SE 1408 NEW FOLD 12/219 (Holmfirth)

No 12 GV II

Part of terrace. Early to mid C19 though possible earlier origin. Coursed rubble and hammer dressed stone. Rendered to south. Plinth. Tabling to east gable. Some quoins. Stone slate roof. North elevation has quoins to ground and first floors. Ground floor: one 4-light stone mullioned window. First floor: one 3-light window. Second floor: one 3-light and one 2-light window. South elevation: ground floor: panelled door. First and second floors each have one 2-light stone mullioned window.

Listing NGR: SE1408708064

Heritage Category: Listed Building Grade:II
List Entry Number:1228273
Date first listed:04-Aug-1983
List Entry Name and Statutory Address:**13, NEW FOLD**
District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority)
Parish: Holme Valley
National Grid Reference: SE 14081 08061
Details: SE 1408 NEW FOLD 12/220 (Holmfirth)

No 13 GV II

Part of terrace. C19. Hammer dressed stone. Rendered to south. Some quoins. Stone slate roof. Three storeys. Ground floor: two 2-light stone mullioned windows. Central store lean-to extension. One 9-light stone mullioned window to first and second floors, the latter with 2 blocked.

Listing NGR: SE1408608066

Heritage Category: Listed Building Grade: II
List Entry Number: 1134885
Date first listed: 04-Aug-1983
List Entry Name: Hollowgate Bridge
Statutory Address 1: **HOLLOWGATE BRIDGE, HOLLOWGATE**
District: Kirklees (Metropolitan Authority)
Parish: Holme Valley
National Grid Reference: SE 14084 08098
Details SE 1408 HOLLOWGATE 12/140 (Holmfirth)

Hollowgate Bridge GV II

Road bridge. Early C19. Hammer dressed stone with ashlar parapet on string course. Shallow segmental arch.

Listing NGR: SE1408408098

3. Impact/Justification

The relatively recent COVID pandemic, served to remind us that a good quality outside seating area is now extremely important for the long-term viability of hospitality venues such as the Elephant & Castle, providing a good quality food and drink offer in safe surroundings, for local customers and numerous visitors attracted to Holmfirth.

The existing terrace (outside seating area) to the rear of the pub has been in use for many years. The current proposal will enhance the existing outdoor seating areas and assist in further developing the success of this important local business, providing a pleasant environment for customers and operators alike.

The proposed works will include:

- A fixed frame treated 'oak' stained timber pergola (canopy shelter) with overall dimensions (6.0m x 3.6m x 3.53m high)

- Carry out (minimal) groundwork's/ support structure to achieve level surface finish to existing terrace (outside seating area)

- Provide and lay to manufacturer's instructions Gripsure 'Classic' non-slip softwood decking boards and 'Heritage' paving flags above existing flexible paving (tarmacadam) surface treatment.

- Provide and install mild steel fabricated balustrade fence/ guarding to part terrace area. Decorate in durable black gloss exterior paint finish.

- The provision of raised timber planters and a comprehensive soft landscaping scheme are to be provided, located within the rear terrace (outside seating area).

The proposals are of good design and will have no detrimental effect/ harmful impact on the street scene in terms of their style, proportions, and materials.

The proposal will enhance the existing outdoor seating areas and assist in developing the success of this important local business, providing a pleasant environment for customers and operators alike.

The proposals do not adversely affect the external appearance of the building and will not be detrimental to the character of the conservation area.

The proposed development should have no detrimental effect or harmful impact on the 'open aspect' street scene in terms of style, proportions and materials.

No demolition works are proposed.

It is hoped; the statutory authorities will appreciate the need for these proposals and view them in a positive manner.

4. Proposal

4.01 Use

The proposals relate to the existing rear terrace (outside seating area) and are wholly ancillary to the existing public house use.

4.02 Amount

The proposals do not increase the external dimensions/ floor area of the host building or the terrace area.

4.03 Layout

The existing layout of the host building will remain unaffected by the proposals.

4.04 Scale

The scale of the proposals is subservient to the host building.
The timber framed pergola (canopy shelter) covers an area of approximately 21.6 sq.m.,
The remaining/ refurbished terrace (outside seating area) covers an area of approximately 73.4 sq.m

4.05 Appearance

The proposals are not detrimental to the character of the immediate locality and together with additional soft landscaping will be benefit the host building and conservation area.

Proposed materials will match or be complimentary with existing materials, to ensure integration with the host building and its surroundings.

The design is compatible with the conservation area in terms of height and mass.
The proposals are of good design and will have no detrimental effect/ harmful impact on the street scene in terms of their style, proportions, and materials.

4.06 Landscaping

Seasonal planting/ hanging baskets will continue to be employed, to soften the existing structure(s) and add visual interest.

There will be no adverse effects on nearby trees or on biodiversity.

4.07 Access/ Egress

The proposals will have no impact on existing car parking arrangements.
Changes to the vehicular access around the application site will not be required by the proposals.
The proposals will not impact on existing disabled persons access into the premises.
Wheelchair access arrangements to the terrace (outside seating area) will be retained.

The site is accessible via alternative transport modes, (including bus/ bus stops located nearby).