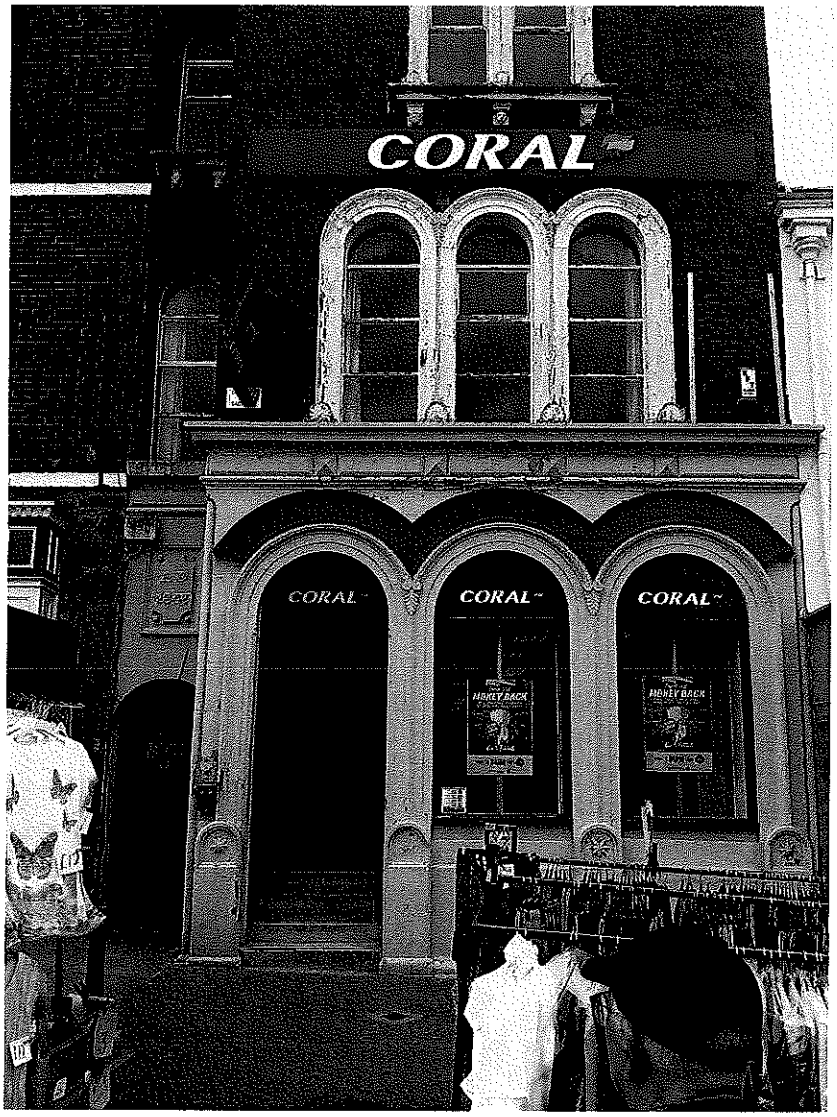

Heritage Statement

Site:

11 Market Place and 5 Derby Street
Leek, Staffordshire ST14 6HN

Applicant:

S A E Property Limited
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The scheme is for a Change of Use of the upper floors of 11 Market Place and 5 Derby Street which are in juxtaposition internally forming an "L" shape floor space into three number 2 bedroom apartments (flats). This will be for internal alterations only, no new window openings or extensions are proposed.

The property lies within the Leek Town Centre Conservation Area therefore every care will be taken to preserve the character and fabric of the building. There are stone mouldings surrounding the windows to the front elevation and forming mullions between.

In our Design and Access Statement we mention concern and care to be given to the fenestration, this will mean that should it be found that the window frames are found to be distressed and require replacement, these windows will be returned to their original appearance and will be an enhancement to the Conservation Area.

The conversion of the upper floors into residential use will bring this vacant and distressed floorspace into active use which is supported by National Policy, it is therefore considered that the proposals support National and Local Planning Policy relating to the historic environment.