Heritage Statement

for

Mr. Mohammed Siddique

in respect of a Proposal comprising:

Change of Use from single dwelling to 2 separate Self-Contained Flats

at

43, Chapel Street,
Cheadle,
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1.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE HERITAGE ASSET

1.1 Cheadle Conservation Area was designated in March 1970 by Staffordshire County Council, and is a historic town originating from Saxon times, which developed into an important local trading centre. The town centre is a medieval site and there is evidence to suggest that the remains of earlier buildings exist within the area centring on the High Street. By the late 17th Century, the town was an important agricultural centre, and coal mining had also become an important industry recorded as far back as 1190. The town has an attractive setting on the southern slopes of The Monkhouse, overlooking a wide river valley set between two wooded ridges. The town lies between the River Tean and one of its tributary streams and on the approach from the surrounding countryside, the spire of St. Giles (RC) Church dominates the skyline and provides a picturesque landmark. Cheadle's character has formed around several key streets and its medieval street. The buildings on Chapel Street form part of the core of residential dwellings surrounding the centre of the town; these consist of narrow plots which have buildings fronting Chapel Street and are mainly of two and three storey brick construction. There is a Police Station of modern construction, a Methodist Church, and Midland House which is currently a Kitchen & Bathroom business. Several of the dwellings in Chapel Street have been and some still are used for commercial use. Much of Cheadle's town centre was rebuilt around the late 18th and 19th Centuries when the town was prospering. This has resulted in brick being the dominant building material throughout the town and the high proportion of three-story buildings, which can be seen in the High Street and surrounding streets. The north of the town is situated towards the top of the hillside whilst the south end of the town slopes downwards towards the valley bottom. The best view of the town is from the top of The Monkhouse and the gaps between the residential buildings provide pleasant views towards the town centre below, the looming presence of the St. Giles (RC) church dominates the skyline and provides a key landmark within the town itself and the countryside beyond. To the south there are panoramic views of the hills and the surrounding countryside. An equally impressive vista can be seen looking northward up Cross Street towards High Street. Here the road gently curves onto High Street opening out with the Market Cross sitting at its junction framed by a collection of attractive historic buildings.

1.2 The site to which this application refers is a vacant three storey building currently rated as a single dwelling.

1.3 The site lies within the Cheadle Conservation Area.

2.0 DESIGN CONCEPT

2.1 The application is a full application for change of use from a single dwelling to 2 Self-Contained Flats.

2.2 This application carries no building or conversion works whatsoever.

3.0 CONCLUSION

3.1 This application will not have a detrimental effect on the Conservation Area, as there are no building or alteration works proposed.