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Old Road is a characterful lane within the Conservation Area flanked by red brick vernacular buildings, with a gently sloping gradient southwards along its winding route, revealing attractive townscape views and views out to the hillsides beyond. There are several terraces of workers' cottages linked to the Grade II* Listed Tape Mill and a further listed building stands opposite the application site. The doctors surgery is a modern single storey structure which would be regarded as a neutral building within the Conservation Area.

The proposal to alter the building and raise its height would create a building form and appearance that has no regard to the local building vernacular, and would look wholly out of place. It would be dominant and obtrusive with its wide gables and dominant hipped roof. Whilst there is no objection in principle to increasing the height of the building, the form should respect the local context.

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