

Ms Michelle Clowes (via email)

Planning

YDNPA

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Comment on Planning Application: S/03/452A United Reform Church, Main Street, Sedbergh
Full planning permission for conversion of existing church building into 5 No. local occupancy dwellings

Dear Ms Clowes

Friends of the Dales welcome the imaginative use of former places of worship. We believe that such buildings are important parts of the cultural heritage of the area, and ask for the retention of as many as possible of the features recalling their former use i.e. forms of fenestration, name and date stones etc.

This chapel is in the centre of a settlement with all forms of services. We believe that such locations are the most suitable for affordable housing, since the need for cars is minimal. We therefore ask that at least one of the five units should be affordable in perpetuity.

Yours sincerely



K.M. Petyt

Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chair of Policy Committee

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