STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF A TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATION TO CONVERT THE PREMISES TO USE CLASS C4.

The site is situated close to the junction of Cemetery Road and High Street, Grimethorpe.

The site and building are currently vacant and has been subject to vandalism and theft. Much of the lead work to the roof has been removed allowing water ingress which is causing internal damage.



The building is a brick built detached property over two storeys with some accommodation with in the pitched and tiled roof.

Windows and doors to the property are boarded up and the site is becoming derelict

The majority of the areas around the building are surfaced with concrete providing space for parking and manoeuvring.

The site was formerly used as a Doctors Surgery. This ceased in 2009 when the Practice moved into new 6.5m purpose built health centre in Grimethorpe).

In conjunction with the surgery use over £700,000 was expended on the site to provide a healthy living centre. This ran from 2005 to 2012, funded by The Lottery or grants and became unviable and failed because the community failed to engage.

The former owners have sought to dispose of the property for over two years with no interest.

The applicant seeks approval to convert the property with a capital investment to provide a sustainable and beneficial use.

The existing access and hardstandings that provide parking areas are to be retained

The property is situated close to the retail centre of the village with shops and local amenities.

The site is close to public transport routes to other local centres and Barnsley Town Centre