DESIGN and ACCESS STATEMENT

"The Haven" WashHouse in Chapel Street, Robin Hoods Bay.

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DESIGN ASPECT

The two existing windows in the property have been much altered and repaired over the years (by previous owners) and , as per the NYMNPA letter of 16 November 2011 to G.Wearmouth, 'are not considered to retain any historic fabric which is worthy of retention" Therefore the new design for the larger and smaller windows in white painted wood will use slim (4-4-4 profile) double gazed units. The larger window will have a sash opening known as Whitby Composite, a traditional style found in coastal villages. The smaller window will have a sash system exactly the same as the existing window and for which I think the name is a Yorkshire sash.

No other development of the property will be undertaken. The layout of the exterior and interior building will remain the same. The WashHouse was a consolidation in 2006 of two former derelict properties, one being a damp infested room and the other a "commercial Sauna". (refer planning authority given 9 Feb 2006). The scale and appearance of the current property will only change with reference to the replacement of the two windows viewed from New Road and then only in the autumn and winter when the trees on New Road beck side have lost their leaves. The appearance of the replacement sash windows should provide the viewer with a more traditional building than is the case currently where the windows are rotting and an 'eyesore".

The design will also be more environmentally friendly, retaining far more internal heat than is the case with the current rotten windows.

ACCESS ASPECT

Access for the development has not changed. No decisions were necessary. The access is the same as it was 10, 50 or even a 100 years ago. i.e. by walking along Chapel Street and by entering the door into the WashHouse property, crossing the room approximately 5 metres to the said windows.

The site does not involve public access and therefore does not have to take account of the Disability Discrimination Act.