Planning Department
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31st July 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Climate Change Assessment

Re: Application for Full Planning Permission (Installation of Plant, New Shopfront) and Advertisement Consent (New Signage) at 31B King Street, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1PX (AVA/2026/0388)

Introduction

This statement has been prepared in support of the planning application for the installation of plant equipment, shopfront alterations and associated signage at 31B King Street, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1PX (AVA/2026/0388). The proposal relates to an existing commercial unit located within Belper town centre and does not involve the construction of any new floorspace or extension to the building.

Existing Building Reuse

The proposal represents the continued use and improvement of an existing commercial premises within the town centre. Re-using an existing building reduces the need for new construction materials and minimises embodied carbon impacts that would otherwise arise through demolition and redevelopment. The proposal does not alter the footprint of the building and is limited to external shopfront improvements, signage and associated plant equipment.

Energy Efficiency

The proposed air conditioning and extraction equipment will comprise modern commercial systems designed to operate efficiently and support the day-to-day operation of the premises. The installation of modern plant equipment allows the premises to operate more efficiently than older technologies and contributes towards the effective management of energy consumption.

Sustainable Location

The application site is located within Belper Town Centre, in an established and highly accessible location. The site benefits from access to local services, public transport links and pedestrian routes. The proposal therefore supports sustainable patterns of movement and allows customers and staff to access the premises without reliance solely upon private vehicles.

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Construction Impacts

The works are limited in scale and duration and comprise shopfront alterations, signage installation and plant equipment. No significant demolition works are required, and any construction waste generated will be managed and disposed of responsibly through licensed waste management contractors.

Climate Resilience

The proposal relates to an existing building and does not increase the building footprint or intensity of development. No changes are proposed that would adversely affect drainage arrangements or increase flood risk. The proposal will ensure the continued occupation and productive use of an existing town centre unit whilst maintaining the functionality of the building in both current and future climatic conditions.

Conclusion

The proposal represents a minor alteration to an existing commercial premises and has been designed having regard to climate change considerations. The development promotes the continued use of an existing building, introduces modern plant equipment, occupies a sustainable town centre location and involves only limited construction activity. It is therefore considered that the proposal responds appropriately and proportionately to climate change objectives.

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