Heritage Statement

Crich Brewing Company – Planning Application to Extend Opening Hours

Introduction
This Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of an application to extend the permitted opening hours of Crich Brewing Company Tap Room on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Heritage Impact
The proposed change relates exclusively to the operating hours of the existing business. No physical alterations, extensions or structural changes to the building are proposed. The proposal will therefore have no impact on the historic fabric, architectural features or external appearance of the premises. The extended hours will not change the existing use or physical character of the building and will not affect the visual appearance of the Conservation Area.

Commitment to Local Heritage
At Crich Brewing Company, we have a genuine passion for local history and take pride in celebrating the heritage of our surrounding area. We are proud to be one of the venues included in the Belper Historic Pub Walks, helping visitors discover the history and character of local pubs and their communities. During this year's Belper 250 celebrations, we have also worked closely with the North Mill Trust to produce four traditional beers using historic brewing recipes. This project has allowed us to celebrate Belper's industrial and brewing heritage while bringing an important part of local history to life through our business. These activities demonstrate our commitment to supporting, promoting and preserving local heritage, and our desire to play a positive role in the wider community.

Impact on the Conservation Area
The proposed extension to opening hours will provide greater opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the tap room, supporting local economic activity, encouraging tourism and bringing additional visitors into the area. We believe that businesses which celebrate local history and attract visitors can make a positive contribution to the vitality and character of historic communities.

Conclusion
As the application involves no building works or changes to the external appearance of the premises, it is considered that the proposal will preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Crich Brewing Company is proud to support local heritage through its involvement in historic pub walks, collaborations with the North Mill Trust and the revival of traditional brewing recipes. We believe the proposed extension of opening hours will allow us to build on this contribution, welcome more visitors and support the ongoing vitality of the local community, without causing harm to the area's heritage significance.