

Response to planning application consultation from Innerleithen & District Community Council

Ref 16/00233/FUL

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External Re-decoration (retrospective)

Shop 1 Leithen Road, Innerleithen

From the comments received from Innerleithen & District Community Council, we didn't have a consensus so in fairness to all have included summary below:

- The appearance of the shop frontage is a significant retrograde step compared to how it looked previously.
- It is a pity that a 'before' photograph was not supplied to make comparisons.
- Purple would not be first choice of colour but on balance the shop is not in a very prominent position & needs assistance to bring it to attention of potential customers so better being purple and open rather than having empty shop premises or asking shop owner to go to expense of repainting.
- One CC Member recalls how Caldwell's was severely constrained (retrospectively) from putting on their illuminate sign and was unsure about the rules regarding a change to shop frontage via colour scheme, so wasn't sure on what basis an objection could be lodged. They did not approve of the current (purple) appearance of the shop frontage.

Secretary, Innerleithen & District Community Council