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New waterside homes planned for Marple

An attractive development of seven stone houses forms the centrepiece of regeneration plans hoping to bring a new lease of life to a waterside site at the junction of the Macclesfield and Peak Forest canals in Marple, near Stockport.



Specialist waterfront developer H2O Urban has submitted a planning application to Stockport Borough Council to construct seven 3 bedroom homes, a new boaters' service block and convert a former grade two-listed office/warehouse stone building into a detached family house.

Under the proposed plan for 'Marple Yard', the Stockport Canal Trust, which runs the New Horizons trip boat and organises trips for disabled people, would continue to operate from the site on its own designated mooring. A new storage facility for the charity boat has also been incorporated into the design.

Richard Thomas, on behalf of H2O, said: "We have considered many options for this beautiful waterside site and believe the current plans would be an attractive addition to

the local area. The seven stone houses have been carefully designed to complement this lovely location where five new homes were also built recently.

“We have spent several years looking at a number of options for the former warehouse to ensure a sustainable use for its future. The empty building hasn’t been used for some years and is deteriorating but with careful, sensitive renovation, the exterior will be preserved and the building secured for the future.

“Boating will continue to play an important role at this key canal junction. The New Horizons trip boat has been guaranteed its own dedicated mooring under the scheme and boaters will get a much-needed new services block.

“Nearly two thirds of H2O development profits to date have been re-invested in Britain’s waterways for the benefit of all canal users. It’s great to think everyone using the canal benefits from the area being upgraded and improved.”

Plans for Marple Yard are available to view from Stockport Council.

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