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The Planning Manager (Eastern Area), S.O.D.C.
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Dear Sir/Madam

HENLEY SOCIETY COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Society's comments on planning applications considered recently are as follows.

- 1. P12/S0644/FUL – Red Lion Lawn, Thameside. Installation of steel sheet piling river wall to replace existing falling masonry wall.** Several serious concerns need to be addressed before work is carried out, in particular (i) the impact of the repair process on the adjoining Henley bridge which has scheduled ancient monument status, (ii) the impact on the appearance of this section of the river and (iii) the impact on river wildlife. In our view, the repair should be carried out in a way that does no damage to adjacent sections of the river bank, that conserves the attractiveness of the area and that provides an opportunity for vegetation to screen any unsightly elements that may prove to be necessary.

We have no objection to, or comments on, the following applications:

P11/S0116 (amended) – Flat 3, 74 St Marks Road. Proposed second floor extension to flat.

P11/E2108 – 18 Valley Road. 2-storey rear extension and 1st floor side extension. Subject to the views of neighbours.

P11/E2423 – 5 Harpsden Road. Erection of dormer window to rear elevation. Subject to the views of neighbours.

P12/S0468 – 139 Reading Road. Demolition of single storey rear extension and construction of new ditto.

P12/S0658/HH – 20 Nicholas Road. Single storey rear extension.

P12/S0674/LB – The Maltsters House, 76 Bell Street. Replacement of defective metal windows with new sashes.

Yours faithfully

D C Whitehead (Secretary, Planning Committee)

PS Re proposed base station installation at 18649 Henley Railway station. In our view, the height and location of the proposed mast would result in it being unduly prominent; and especially so for train passengers and for visitors to Mill Meadows.