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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. P13/S1369/FUL (amended) – Henley Rugby Club, Dry Leas, Marlow Road. Change of use from car parking bays to hand car wash.** Our previous comments still apply.
- 2. P13/S1853/FUL (amended) – 25 Duke Street. Installation of new shop front.** While a small improvement on the original proposal, the amended version does still not comply with the Traditional Shop Front Design Guide. For example, there should be no internal illumination of the box fascia and the awning should be in traditional material and retractable.
- 3. P13/S1870/LB and 1875/LB – Mercers, 50A Bell Street. New hanging sign and replacement of existing plaque.** In our view, the proposed plaque is too large and a traditional brass plaque would be much preferred.
- 4. P13/S2031/HH – 43b St Andrews Road. Erection of two storey rear extension and part two storey front extension and garage extension.** No objection to the front extensions but we are concerned about the size of the rear extension in relation to its impact on neighbours and the potential for overlooking from the proposed balcony.
- 5. P13/S2169/HH – 34 Kings Road. Loft conversion with two pitched roof dormers to rear and elevation rooflights to front.** One of the front rooflights would appear to be unnecessary and would best omitted (conservation area).
- 6. P13/S2193/FUL and 2194/LB – Cafe Nero, 44 Bell Street. New rear decking area - retrospective.** We are concerned about about the impact on the occupants of neighbouring properties, especially if the hours of use of the whole decked area are extended.
- 7. P13/S2205/HH and 2206/LB - Old Ship House, Wharfe Lane. Demolition of existing single garage and brick wall. Proposed new brick and flint wall, new parking spaces and external works.** We support the County Archaeologist's recommendation in relation to the construction of the new wall.
- 8. P13/S2277/HH – 92 Vicarage Road. New front porch and bay window; single and two storey rear extension.** No objection to the front extension but we are concerned about the size of the rear extension in

relation to its impact on neighbours, and the reduction in the number of more 'affordable' houses in the town that would result from this development.

9. **P13/S2297/FUL – Waitrose Ltd, 33 Bell Street. Installation of external horticultural units.** No objection to the installation but the bicycle racks should be retained or relocated.
10. **P13/S2315/HH – 44 Gravel Hill. Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension to link outbuilding with main house.** No objection to single storey extensions but we consider the proposal for a two-storey extension to be inappropriate and unneighbourly in this location.

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

P13/S1649/A (amended) – Halifax plc, 48 Bell Street. New signage and ATM tablets.

P13/S1745/HH – 33 Manor Road. Single storey front extension.

P13/S1822/FUL (amended) – Land R/O 2 Farm Road. Two semi-detached houses.

P13/S1911/A – Waitrose Ltd, 33 Bell street. Display of four non-illuminated sets of green lettering on the building.

P13/S2075/HH – 8 Lauds Close. External cladding and sand/cement render.

P13/S2103/HH – 41b St Andrews Road. First floor front extension over existing porch and single storey rear extension.

P13/S2196/HH – 3 Chilterns End Close. Single storey side extension.

P13/S2241/HH – 15 Nicholas Road. Single storey front and rear extensions.

P13/S2285/FUL – 1 Nicholas Road. Proposed sub-division of existing dwelling to create an additional dwelling. Erection of first floor side extension to existing dwelling.

P13/S2351/HH – 17 Wilson Avenue. Replacement pitched roof to rear extension. Erection of single storey side extension.

P13/S2179/PDO – 12-16 Market Place. Change of use from offices to dwellings.

Yours faithfully

D C Whitehead (Secretary, Planning Committee)