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The Planning Manager (Southern 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. P13/S1587/FUL (amended) – 79 Kings Road. Erection of 3-bedroom dwelling.** We maintain our previous objection.
- 2. P13/S1565/HH – 39a Leaver Road. Erection of raised patio.** In this hillside location, the proposal could result in undue overlooking of neighbours.
- 3. P13/S1853/FUL – 25 Duke Street. Proposed new shop front.** The design is inappropriate for the town's central conservation area. We support the Conservation Officer's comments. The recommendations of the Traditional Shop Front Design Guide should be followed. It would be detrimental to lose the existing traditional glazed window; and any awning should be in canvas. In addition, outside seating is unsuitable in this location with its high levels of air pollution and rather narrow pavement.
- 4. P13/S1984/A – 25 Duke Street. Erection of one fascia sign and one projecting (hanging) sign.** We consider the fascia sign to be too deep as it overlaps the top of the pilasters at each side.
- 5. P13/S1922/A – Sainsbury's Supermarkets, 9 Bell Street. Erection of a non-illuminated projecting sign.** We would prefer traditional materials to be used as recommended in the Shop Front Design Guide.
- 6. P13/S1944/HH – 6 Empstead Court. Single storey front extension and loft conversion.** We question whether these proposals are appropriate within the confined area of Empstead Court and are concerned about the extent of overlooking from the second floor.
- 7. P13/S2097/HH – 56 Berkshire Road. Formation of habitable room in roof space with front dormer.** The potential for overlooking should be examined before consent is given.

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

**P13/S1414/FUL (amended) – Sacred Heart School, Greys Hill. Single storey timber outbuilding.**

**P13/S1695/HH – North Lea House, 66 Northfield End. New 2-bay single storey garages.**

**P13/S1810/FUL and S1925/LB – 73a Bell Street. Change of use of first floor from office use to residential use.**

**P13/S1822/FUL – Land r/o 2 Farm Road. Erection of two 2-bed semi-detached houses with parking.**

**P13/S1846/HH – 18 Valley Road. Single storey extension to front porch.**

**P13/S1905/HH – 6 Church Avenue. Internal alterations and changes to roofs. *Subject to Listed Building consent.***

**P13/S1939/HH – 289 Greys Road. Erection of replacement green oak garage and store with games room above.**

**P13/S1954/HH – 66 Valley Road. Convert double garage into two rooms.**

**P13/S1980/HH – 13 St Marys Close. Single storey side extension. *Subject to satisfactory arrangements for bin storage.***

**P13/S1986/LB – 18 Hart Street. Modification to make safe beam support in cellar. *Subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.***

**P13/S2000/HH – 32 Cromwell Road. Two-storey rear extension and internal alterations. *Subject to the views of neighbours.***

**P13/S2002/HH – Grovelands, St Andrews Road. Demolition of existing extension; erection of 2-storey side/rear extension, 2-storey bay window extension and new front porch.**

**P13/S2011 – 23 Fairmile. Erection of greenhouse.**

**P13/S2041/A – Kaliko, 3 Market Place. One fascia sign to replace existing and one projecting sign to replace existing.**

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**Note for planning officers: We would like to suggest that, in applications for shop and business signs, you insist that the applicants distinguish clearly between 'projecting' and 'hanging' signs, as only the latter are acceptable in conservation areas. There appears to be a widespread lack of precision in the use of the two terms.**

Yours faithfully

D C Whitehead (Secretary, Planning Committee)