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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/S3512/FUL (amended) – Phyllis Court Club. Erection of health club etc.** As no change is proposed in the design or location of the building, we repeat our previous comments.
- 2. P14/S0751/A (amended) – 38 Market Place. Retention of fixed hanging sign.** As indicated previously, we would prefer a traditional hanging (i.e. freely swinging) sign.
- 3. P14/S0878/FUL – 19B Hart Street. Change of use of first floor from office to residential.** No objection to the change of use provided that there are no changes to the interior structure of this grade 2* listed building.
- 4. P14/S0892/HH – 1 Western Avenue. Construct new garage on site of the present one.** The plans as submitted appear to be incorrectly labelled. No objection if the intention is to build according to drawing no. 2.
- 5. P14/S0943/FUL – St Mary's School, 13 St Andrews Road. Install new glazed screen and entrance door. Remove brick infill panels and replace with metal bar railings; install second automated sliding gates.** We welcome the proposal to replace the brick panels by railings but trust that the railings will be substantial (c. 18 cm diameter) and not appear spindly, and that the finials will be placed appropriately (the plans are inadequate in regard to these points). Also we consider that the second sign proposed for the wall adjoining the pavement would be unnecessarily obtrusive and should be mounted on the wall of the school building where it would be visible through the railings.
- 6. P14/S0949/HH & 0950/LB – 84 West Street. Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of new. Alterations to windows to reinstate original features.** We would like to commend this proposal for its sympathetic improvement to the property.
- 7. P14/S1063/HH – 2 Gainsborough Road. Provision of a dropped kerb and access crossover driveway (re-submission of P13/S2501).** As stated in regard to the previous application, a serious problem is presented by the fact that the proposed driveway would be within a few yards of two well-used road junctions and a post box. It would therefore introduce a major new hazard to road safety, especially if cars were allowed to reverse on to Greys Road (how could they be prevented?)

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

P14/S0957/HH – 76A St Marks Road. Single storey rear extension and new roof over conservatory and utility room.

P14/S0959/HH – 4 St Marks Road. Demolition and rebuilding of south-west brick boundary wall.

P14/S0975/HH – Walnut House, Lambridge Wood Road. Rear extension.

P14/S1044/HH – 7 Chilterns End Close. Single storey side and rear extensions.

Yours faithfully

D C Whitehead (Secretary, Planning Committee)