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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/S2423/A and S2424/LB (both amended) - Johnson Cleaners, 24 Bell Street. Renew existing fascia and projecting signs. Redecorate shop front frame.** While the amendment represents a marked improvement on the original proposal, it would be preferable for two courses of brick to be visible below the window and for the pilasters at the side to be completely uncovered.
- 2. P13/S3092/FUL (amended) – 196 Greys Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two 5-bedroom detached dwellings.** Our previous comments still apply. The extensive side elevations of the proposed new properties would be particularly unattractive and unneighbourly.
- 3. P13/S3885/HH (amended) – 57 Albert Road. Ground floor infill of rear covered area and loft conversion with 3 dormers.** It is not clear whether the potential for overlooking has been overcome. We are also concerned that the non-traditional design of the dormers is inappropriate in a conservation area.
- 4. P13/S2955/LB – Town Hall, Market Place. Oak notice board with toughened glass with locks and keys.** The position proposed for the notice board is puzzling as it would be largely below waist height for most people. And if the board is intended to be additional to the one above, it would appear to be unnecessary.
- 5. P14/S3843/LB – Full House, 10 Friday Street. Attach new sign and associated brackets and lighting in location of existing sign.** We recommend that the new signage should conform to the Shop Front Design Guide, with the use of natural materials and more discreet lighting.
- 6. P14/S0151/HH – Myrtle Lodge, Badgemore Lane. Erection of a single storey rear extension to include the increase in height of the extension and the wall.** The proposed balcony will increase the potential for overlooking neighbouring properties and the 3 metre high wall would appear to be unneighbourly.
- 7. P14/S0081/LB, S0241/A and S0172/FUL – 6 Bell Street. Replace existing shopfront with full height glazing and new signage.** We support the views expressed by the Conservation Officer. The new signage should be constructed of natural materials and the fascia would be improved by being a little smaller.

8. **P14/S0290/LB and S0292/AB – Argyll, 15 Market Place. Erection of illuminated signage.** The appearance of the sign facing the Market Place would be improved if it were fitted within the existing wall timbers rather than overlapping this feature. Otherwise no objection.

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

P13/S2957/LB – The Old Fire Station Gallery, 52 Market Place. Proposed oak notice board.

P13/S3777/HH (amended) – 14 St Marks Road. Single storey rear extension and loft conversion.

P13/S3868/HH – 22 Niagara Road. Two storey and single storey extensions.

P14/S0071/HH – 38 Western Road. Erection of new porch.

P14/S0073/HH – 161 Greys Road. Single storey rear side return extension.

P14/S0104/FUL and S0105/LB - Flat 11, 45 New Street. Additional dormer window to match existing.

P14/S0148/HH – Myrtle Lodge, Badgemore Lane. Retrospective for gate piers, vehicular and pedestrian gates.

P14/S0166/HH – 88 Vicarage Road. Erection of rear conservatory.

P14/S0298/FUL – Falaise House, 37 Market Place. Change of use from B&B to residential.

P14/S0304/HH – 35 Berkshire Road. Demolition of garage; single storey side extension, front porch etc.

P14/S0339/LB – 1 Fonthill, Hop Gardens. Repairs and alterations to garden room.

P14/S0370/FUL – 18-20 Reading Road. Widening rear entrance doors.

P14/S0378/HH – 57 Valley Road. Two storey rear extension. *Subject to the views of neighbours.*

Yours faithfully

D C Whitehead (Secretary, Planning Committee)