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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. P14/S3766/FUL (amended) – 345 Reading Road. Erection of 55 residential units with associated works.** As stated earlier, we support this proposal in principle. However, the application should be approved **only after the Neighbourhood Plan has adopted** or if there is a firm guarantee that the 55 dwellings will count towards the 450 allocated to Henley in the Core Strategy.
- 2. P15/S1985/HH – 2 Niagara Road. Iron railings to top of wall and alterations to path.** No comment.
- 3. P15/S3220/FUL – River and Rowing Museum. Proposed new roof over existing external plant area.** No comment.
- 4. P15/S3260/LB – Nos 8-15 Church Avenue. Replace internal steel casement of front windows with new double glazed casement windows to match existing.** The application's description of the existing windows appears to differ from their external appearance. From the exterior of the properties there are painted timber casements with 1–3 dividing glazing bars and no evidence of metal frames. The replacement of these original windows with double glazed units is not acceptable for such listed buildings as it would seriously harm their historic character. We recommend the use of good quality secondary internal windows to improve the buildings' insulation.
- 5. P15/S3288/FUL – Unit 7, Centenary Business Park. Change of use of unit to office with associated alterations.** No comment.
- 6. P15/S3303/HH – 28 Gravett Close. Proposed garage conversion and internal alterations.** No comment.
- 7. P15/S3336/HH – 59 Valley Road. Extension of wooden decking on pillars at rear of back garden.** We recommend that the decking should be set back further from the rear boundary so that it would be less dominant in relation to the public footpath at the rear of the property and in relation to neighbouring gardens.

8. **P15/S3343/HH – 18 Hamilton Avenue. Demolition of conservatory; erection of 2-storey rear extension and new front porch.** No comment.
9. **P15/S3386/FUL – Beechwood Lodge, Lambridge Lane. Proposed replacement dwelling.** No comment.
10. **P15/S3432/HH – 100A St Andrews Road. Single storey rear extension and fully hipped roof over garage/utility room.** The plans available were incomplete in relation to existing elevations but, from the information provided, it would appear that the impact of the proposed new roof on the neighbouring property requires further consideration.
11. **P15/S3450/LB – 10 Hop Gardens. Provide natural daylight and ventilation to existing bathroom with new Clement rooflight.** This and neighbouring listed properties have attractive steeply pitched tiled roofs and these should be retained without modification if at all possible. Consideration should be given to installing other means of ventilation and to the use of artificial light in the bathroom.

Yours faithfully

D C Whitehead (Secretary, Planning Committee)