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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. P15/S0431/FUL & 0432/LB (amended) – 35 Friday Street. Change of use from offices to eight 1-bedroom apartments.** The lack of parking space is a strong reason to maintain office rather than residential use.
- 2. P15/S1354/FUL – RRM, Mill Meadows. Proposed window to second floor office.** No comment.
- 3. P15/S1388/A & 1587/LB – 25 Hart Street. Proposed new signage.** It would be preferable if the proposed fixed sign were replaced by hand-painted lettering directly on to the wall surface. If a fixed sign is approved, the lettering should be painted rather than pre-formed in aluminium.
- 4. P15/S1391/HH – 34 Queen Street. Proposed rear dormer for loft room.** We recommend the use of obscure glazing to minimise overlooking.
- 5. P15/S1463/HH – Pyt Cottage, Marlow Road. Studio/hobbies room with toilet facilities over existing double garage; new external staircase.** Approval of this application would make it more difficult to refuse any subsequent application for the use of the building as a separate dwelling, a use that would be inappropriate in this location.
- 6. P15/S1543/HH – 200 Greys Road. Timber framed extension to rear and canopy to side.** No comment.
- 7. P15/S1584/HH – 59 St Andrews Road. Enlarged single garage to side; new single storey to rear.** The size of the extensions proposed would result in an over-development of the site in relation to the size of the plot.
- 8. P15/S1586/HH – 34 Vicarage Road. Replacement of conservatory with single storey extension.** No comment.
- 9. P15/S1674/A – 17 Market Place. Proposed new signage.** No comment.

**10. P15/S1681/HH – 1 Walton Avenue. Two-storey side extension; porch.** No comment.

**11. P15/S1697/FUL – 15 Thameside. Erection of two dwellings.** A major concern here is archaeological. In our opinion the proposal for a 'watching brief' is far from adequate. The site is close to the centre of the medieval settlement, near to the church and wharves on the river bank. There is therefore the potential for important artefacts dating back to this period to be uncovered and this potential should be fully investigated before any building work is commenced. In addition it is questionable whether this awkwardly positioned site is appropriate for residential development.

**12. P15/S1749/LB – 17 Market Place. Retail shop fit and new signage.** No comment.

Yours faithfully

D C Whitehead (Secretary, Planning Committee)