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Dear Sir or Madam,

Response from the Environmental & Planning Group of the Hadleigh Society to:

DC/17/03796 - Application for Listed Building Consent

Boundary works associated with the commencement and completion of planning permission B/16/00760 along southern boundary adjacent to Grade II listed building "Hadleigh Hall School" and off Pound Lane, Hadleigh.

Applicants:-McCarthy and Stone.

These comments are submitted on behalf of the Hadleigh Society, one of whose aims is:- *“to protect and enhance Hadleigh’s heritage and environment by supporting and promoting high standards in planning, conservation, regeneration and development of features deemed to be of historical or environmental significance in the town.”*

The Hadleigh Society does not object to the proposed boundary treatment with Hadleigh Hall, particularly as much was indicated in the original planning application.

The Society is, however, concerned at the apparent lack of detail concerning the following:-

- 1) The resultant appearance of what will become the northern external face of the retained brick walls. No details are given regarding whether those walls are to be painted and/or plastered; this matter needs to be clarified and addressed to avoid an unattractive “patchwork quilt” appearance to the wall.
- 2) Whether the existing walls to be retained are single, double or cavity brickwork or what, if any, new piers/buttresses may be required to ensure the continued structural integrity of the retained walls. This is especially important as it appears the great majority of the existing buildings concrete floors etc will have to be removed to allow the proposed planting shown on the plan. Information on the extent of the removal of existing floors should be provided together with details of how the stability of retained walls is to be ensured
- 3) No details of the proposed close boarded fence notated on the amended plan and shown as an orange/tan line are given; details of a post and rail fence on the plan has the same coloured notation. It is considered that the post and rail fence would be unsafe against the public

footpath as it would invite climbing. It is considered a double sided vertical hit and miss fence would be a more sturdy and suitable form of fencing, compared to either the post and rail fence or close boarded fencing.

It is trusted that the planning department will seek clarification regarding these matters and / or the imposition of appropriate conditions to safeguard the setting of the Hadleigh Hall, Grade II Listed Building and the character of the Hadleigh Conservation Area.

We thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Woods
Chair, The Hadleigh Society