

The Hadleigh Society

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Dear Sir or Madam

**Response from the Environment & Planning Group of behalf of the
Hadleigh Society.
concerning;-
Application. No: DC/18/03086
Non Material Amendment to Application B/16/00760/FUL- Minor amendments to
approved drawings
Site Of Former 109 High Street Hadleigh Ipswich Suffolk IP7 5EJ**

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 Society note with disappointment, but with no great surprise, at McCarthy and Stone’s dumbing down of the designs of all the dwelling units on this development, of which, over half lie within the Conservation Area.

All architectural features, such as plinths, jetting, moulded bay windows, gable features, sash windows, symmetrical window placements etc. that gave the dwellings an air of distinctive character and contended in the original *Design, Access and Sustainability Statement* as reflecting the special architectural character of the Conservation Area are removed from all 29 dwellings.

This current set of alterations and modifications to the units obviously have nothing to do with maintaining a higher level of good quality design in a Conservation Area. This submission is

therefore totally contrary to the thrust of recent national design policy given in the *Revised NPPF, Section 12 Achieving Well Designed Places*. In particular it is hoped that the Council will note the advice given in paragraph 130 which states:-

“Local planning authorities should also seek to ensure that the quality of approved development is not materially diminished between permission and completion, as a result of changes being made to the permitted scheme (for example through changes to approved details such as the materials used).”

The Society requests that the Council reject these amendments.

Yours faithfully,

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