

The Hadleigh Society

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Dear Sir or Madam,

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

DC/17/04235- Full Planning Application. Change of Use from residential to Office Use. Wheatsheaf House, 4 High Street, Hadleigh

These comments are submitted on behalf of the Environment and Planning Group 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.”*

Wheatsheaf House is an unlisted, but distinguished early Victorian Villa which makes a contribution to the special character of this part of the Hadleigh Conservation Area. Noted as a Public House until 1995, when it was converted to a dwelling house, its proposed change of use to a Financial Services Offices is acceptable in principle.

The Society would however express great concern if the change of use were to require any alterations to the property’s external appearance, particularly the front fenestration or the creation of additional hard-standings in the front garden area.

The Society will therefore watch with interest how the accommodation of offices into the property is implemented should planning permission be granted.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Woods
Chair Hadleigh Society