



Horsham
District
Council

HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	11 Market Square, Horsham
DESCRIPTION:	Redesign and change of use from commercial to 1no. dwellinghouse, replacement of windows and doors and making good external finishes. (Listed Building Consent).
REFERENCE:	DC/25/2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No Objection / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:	
MAIN COMMENTS: 11 Market Square is understood to date back to the early seventeenth century, and whilst being altered over time (most notably through the loss of the double jetty externally) is a good example of a timber framed town house. In principle I would have no objection to the proposed change of use of the property to residential as it would be a viable use that would enable the building to be secured and maintained. There are however some additional details relating to the physical changes to the building that require additional information. It is noted that the staircase at first floor is to be replaced. Given its function, a staircase often forms an integral element in the plan form of a structure, and as building plan forms have developed over time, the positioning and design of staircases has evolved accordingly. Variations of style between individual staircases in a building may denote differences in status between different areas and help to identify the ways in which a building was occupied and used. The means by which a staircase is constructed may also demonstrate historic methods of joinery and craftsmanship. From the information submitted it isn't clear whether the staircase has historic or evidential value and whether it could be repaired. Further information would therefore be required. It is also understood that the windows and a door at ground floor level are to be replaced to the rear - details of the proposed replacement windows and door would be required, with also information relating to the screening to be placed on the shop windows to the front. This may be conditioned but as there is a need for information relating to the staircase, it may be that submitting details at this stage would negate a pre commencement condition.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:	

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