

**Plans Inspected by the Norwich Society Planning Appraisal Committee for December 2009.**

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*Outline application for demolition of existing garage and erection of bungalow in rear garden.*

We abhor the demolition of this garage and are not in favour of back land development. This will change the character of the plot; a bungalow is not appropriate for this area of Norwich and it would be overlooked. (Quote EP22)

**09/01081/F - 73A Prince of Wales Road**

*Retrospective application for the installation of five replacement windows at rear of property.*

The glazing pattern has not been copied. We protest at the replacement of good Georgian windows without permission.

**09/01105/U - 8 Redwell Street**

*Change of use from retail (Class A1) to drinking establishment (Class A4)*

It is inappropriate use of a corner site. How will it be affected architecturally? Where will the signage be? Will it be inappropriate for a listed building in a Conservation Area? There will be problems with delivery lorries causing traffic disruption; no suitable outside smoking area; narrow pathways for any overspill of customers; fire safety could be an issue.

We agree it is re-use of an important building but this is not appropriate use and we strongly object to this application.

**09/01070/F - 13 St Stephen's Road**

*Change of use from shop (Class A1) to restaurant/cafe (Class A3) and installation of fume extraction system to rear elevation.*

The property is much too small for such a facility and no space for adequate toilet arrangements. The extraction fan is next to a window.

**09/01082/F - Duke of Connaught, 60 Livingstone Street**

*Demolition of Duke of Connaught public house and erection of 2 no 2 bedroom houses with car parking*

This application has been reduce to two properties and now faces Livingstone Street rather than Speke Street. The Conservation Officer has asked that the brick detail is taken from the next house along the street. We suggest that the properties should have dummy chimneys to fit in with the other properties in the street.

**09/01239/F - 77 Barker Street**

*Alterations to front elevation and installation of mezzanine floor and temporary change of use from retail (Class A1) to place of worship (Class D1) including pre-school facilities; youth services; cafeteria; coffee shop/bookshop and offices.*

Good use of this spacious, disused building.

**09/01257/F - 1 Orford Place**

*Removal of existing timber framed shopfront and installation of new fully glazed shopfront.*

A fully glazed shop front is not in keeping with the aspects of Orford Place.

**09/01154/F - Bridewell Museum**

*External alterations including the formation of new entrance doors, courtyard steps down to basement and re-roofing works; internal alterations including the installation of two platform lifts.*

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We abhor the demolition of this period garage and are not in favour of back land development. This will change the character of the plot; a bungalow is not appropriate for the scale of this area of Norwich,; the whole site would be overlooked by surrounding properties. (Note EP22 of City of Norwich Replacement Local Plan)

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FT advised on the objections raised against this development. It is inappropriate use of a key corner site. How will it be affected architecturally? Where will the signage be? Will it be inappropriate for a listed building in a conservation area? There will be problems with delivery lorries causing traffic disruption; no suitable outside smoking area; narrow pathways for any overspill of customers; fire safety could be an issue. We agree it is necessary to re-use an important historic building, but this is not an appropriate use. The building is fairly fragile and has quite a large proportion of timber walls; it is more suited for use as a high class restaurant than a

'drinking establishment' on three floors. Norwich City Council should be making more strenuous efforts to find a suitable and sympathetic use for this unique building. We strongly object to this application.

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