

PLANNING APPRAISAL COMMITTEE**Comments****Thursday, 12th May 2011****11/00639/F – Land south of and forming part of 18 Hellesdon Mill Lane***Erection of two-storey dwelling and associated garage and all siteworks.*

This is an almost exact replica of the adjoining house, a traditional 30s villa. Despite its traditional appearance, could solar panels and sustainability aspects be considered?

11/00604/F – 11 Cricket Ground Road*Erection of single storey front extension*

There is a need to keep the integrity of the terrace, especially with the proposed cricket ground site development extending from this road and mirroring the design of the existing terraces. An arch over the window and a fan light over the door would improve the appearance.

11/00477/U – Merchants' Court, St George's Street*Installation of air conditioning condenser units at front of building and change of use of ground floor from office (Class A2) to consulting rooms (Class D1)*

We are concerned about any effect on the **listed Colegate elevation**; there appears to be a change to four windows on this elevation. With a mechanical air handling system could inlet extractor be located on a less important façade?

11/00556/F – 48 – 72 St Stephen's Street*Replacement of shop front to St Stephen's Street elevation including new security shutters to two entrance doors; removal of redundant shutters and doors to Malthouse Road elevation and replacement with new delivery shutter and fire exit doors; new fire exit to north east facing car park.*

The high level signs proposed are too big and rather crude. Those under the canopy are more acceptable, but they do not enhance this visually important gateway to the city centre; the colour scheme and design are very basic.

11/00487/F – Brandford Arms, 3 Brandford Road*Conversion of existing premises (formerly a public house) to 4 No flats. Erection of 3 No flats in garden area.*

This seems a good conversion with appropriate materials and a sensitive approach to this imposing building.

11/00411/F – 39 Ipswich Road*Erection of double timber garage in front driveway*

There is no indication of the relationship of the garage to the house and adjoining property. We disapprove of putting buildings in front gardens. **Insufficient information provided.**

11/00583/FT – Telecommunications Mast in front of 47-69 Newmarket Road

Removal of existing 10m high replica telegraph pole and the installation of a 15m slimline wood clad monopole supporting 6 No antennas (3 x 2G/3G for Vodafone and 3 x 3G for O2 and 1 No additional equipment cabinet) and all ancillary development.

We are amused to see that a telecommunications mast in Newmarket Road should be ‘timber-clad’, unlike those elsewhere in the City. Nonetheless it is **visually intrusive** to the streetscape and the additional street cabinet adds more clutter to the pavement.

11/00721/F – 124 Newmarket Road

Demolition of part of existing outbuilding and chimney and erection of single storey kitchen extension to rear of the dwelling and external alterations

A very neat little scheme

11/00648/L – 13 Upper King Street

Formation of new entrance door and screen. Installation of illuminated and non-illuminated signage.

This is a listed building, in part because of the very unusual window in the single-storey section to the south. It would be a great shame to lose this special window for an entrance door, however well copied. Could not a door be put around the corner to the side elevation? There will be no disabled access and there is too much over-large signage. **We strongly object to this plan.**

11/00671/F – 37 Prince of Wales Road

Change of use from financial services (Class A2) to private member bar and six karaoke function rooms (Sui generis)

As it seems inevitable that every spare building in Prince of Wales Road becomes a club of some sort, it is important at least to preserve the appearance of this dignified street. **We strongly object to the proposed scarlet/deep red colour scheme**, and suggest that a restoration of the original window style might alleviate matters.

11/00596/F – 131 Cecil Road

Erection of two storey extension to the rear and single storey extension to the side of the dwelling including car port.

This plan could be much improved and enhanced. It is outside the existing building line and changes the whole appearance of the street. The plan needs simplifying as there are too many roofs of differing pitches and forms.

11/00630/F – 27 Mount Pleasant

Removal of single storey garage and store and erection of new single and two storey side and rear extensions (include installation of 3 No windows in rear first floor elevation and new pitched roof to bathroom)

The proposed new rear sash windows are very squat and **wrongly proportioned**. There should be casement windows on the back elevation of houses of this period.