



The Planning Officer
Waverley Borough Council
Western Planning Committee
BY EMAIL

9 October 2022

Dear Sir

14 High Street (WA/2022/02410) - Objection

This application is a reworked resubmission of WA/2021/02890, to which the Society also objected. We should note that we do not oppose the creation of additional dwelling space in this building as a matter of principle, but we consider this scheme to be inappropriate for the reasons set below:

1. As in the previous application, the plan appears to be very cramped with a complex layout. While the total space may meet guidelines, the layout It appears to be designed to squeeze the maximum number of units – and bedrooms - into the space rather than to build flats with an attractive layout. A number of rooms are oddly-shaped or protrude into another flat. Unit 5 consists of a number of small rooms spread over three floors, while Unit 6 is likewise a series of small or necessarily open-plan rooms over two floors.
2. The applicant asserts that the new dwellings will not be tall enough to be visible from the Haslemere Conservation Area but then defines that as the war memorial or the Town Hall, which are so close to the site that only a very tall addition would be visible. The Conservation Area extends considerably further up the High Street than these and the new dwellings would not need to be as high to be visible from further up the street. Can the applicant confirm that the proposed additional elements would not be visible from *anywhere* on the High Street within the CAA?

Yours Sincerely

S. Dullaway (by email)
(on behalf of The Haslemere Society Planning Group)