



Councillor members
Waverley Borough Council
Area Planning Committee (Southern)
BY EMAIL

23 April 2020

Dear Councillors

Planning Application CR/2020/0004 – 19 High Street

The Haslemere Society wishes to object to this application on the grounds set out below.

1. That the proposed change of use from office to residential will remove some two-thirds of the building from commercial use. It is not at all clear that the remaining space would be viable as a commercial or retail space. It would certainly not be viable as a restaurant, as was proposed as recently as 2018. Taking this building out of commercial or retail use altogether, a potential consequence of the proposed development, would threaten the integrity of the High Street, one of Haslemere's two key retail spaces.
2. That the lack of parking spaces for the 4 proposed dwellings is unacceptable. Parking within the town is already at a premium because of the number of commuters who drive in to use the station. The public car parks in the centre of town are frequently very busy, presenting an obstacle to shoppers wishing to use the shops on the High Street and West Street. The suggestion that some of this space should be used, effectively, as a private car park for the residents of No 19 seems deeply unreasonable.

Yours Sincerely

Sonja Dullaway
(on behalf of The Haslemere Society)