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Dear Committee Members and Case Officer

I refer to my email of 02/04/19 and would now like to make further comment arising from the Recommendation to Refuse Listed Building Consent with Conditions as noted on Agenda Item 8e.

If Grade 11 listed buildings are to remain part of a vibrant and living community they must be allowed to develop and incorporate changes that modern society expects whilst retaining or even enhancing their historic status, or even the very reason for their listing. Needham Market is, I believe, such a vibrant and living community and one would hope that it is prepared to embrace such changes; and the Town Council, by raising no objection to the Application for Listed Building Consent, has shown such willingness to change.

As mentioned in my previous email, 137 High Street is in a prominent location being the 2nd Listed Building within the Conservation Area when entering Needham from the Stowmarket end (see attached photo), and as such is in a perfect position to present the visitor with an introduction to the interest that a living historic town can offer.

There is little doubt that the incorporation of a pargetted strip at high level will present the visitor to the town with some light and elegant historic relief; an implication to "keep your eyes open for more subtle delights as you travel through the Town".

The proposed pargetting does not require any structural alterations nor even the removal of any older lath likely to be found beneath the render and, since the pargetting will be carried out by a recognised expert contractor using traditional materials and techniques, as further years pass there is no reason why this pargetting could not be replaced, removed or altered.

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