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**Subject:** Planning Application Nos. 191530 and 191531, 2-4 Church Street

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Caversham and District Residents Association Comments (CADRA)**

Dear Ms Humphreys

Whilst CADRA is supportive of the revised applications, we ask you consider these points:

- These two listed buildings are in the St Peters Conservation Area and occupy a very prominent position. CADRA consider the proposed changes to the appearance, when viewed from Bridge St are a big improvement on the existing building and the restoration is much needed.
- We don't consider the existing ground floor extensions to the rear worth preserving.
- We like the way the new courtyard opens the back of the building up and that the height of the new building, which is lower than the listed building, will not overshadow it.
- The height of the wall bordering Priory Court is a concern and we would like it lowered, if possible.
- The first-floor privacy fencing panels are shown as closed-boarded and we would prefer a bespoke design that is in keeping with the listed buildings. If being overlooked is a problem then there could be ways of moving the railings to mitigate this.
- The position of the Flat 1 kitchen units in the listed building are poor in their relation to the sash window.
- Because it is a listed building, we consider a planning condition should be that the Conservation Officer will review all materials and the construction method, relating to the flats.

CADRA are keen to see that the much-needed improvements to the listed building are realised and hope that a suitable solution is found.

Regards

Caversham and District Residents Association

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