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Subject: 200668 New Directions Archway Road Caversham Reading RG4 8HU

Dear Steve

I am writing to comment on this application on behalf of CADRA.

We welcome the use of this building for a gym. Although not listed and much altered, it is a significant building both for its history as Parish School and for the red and grey string courses. I attach an early photograph of the building.

The stone plaque on the chimney buttress saying, 'Parish Schools 1863' is an important feature. We would like to see this retained to highlight the history of the building. Also that care should be taken, on demolition of the existing 'lean to' building, to reinstate the base of the chimney buttress below this plaque with banded coloured brickwork to match the existing.