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Dear Ms Washington,

Application 26/0490 works Corn Exchange

The Planning Group of Exeter Civic Society has considered this application and wish to comment as follows:

This building is an important civic building in the centre of the city and the Market Street elevation is very prominent. Therefore great care needs to be taken on the overall appearance particularly of the south-west elevation.

The Civic Society considers that the information provided with the application is not sufficient to make the necessary determination of the application and therefore we wish to formally object.

- We consider that the DAS should examine the alternative options which were considered and also the timescale that that is envisaged for this temporary solution.
- There are no 1:5 or 1:10 details showing the "encapsulation" (ie the size of timber surrounds) and no overall elevation showing how the advertising panels will look in the elevation.
- There is no assessment of the functional impact (daylight/ventilation) on the spaces served by the windows which will be obscured by the boarding.

The heritage statement appears to have been written by AI and needs revision. For instance the second and third paragraphs of the introduction appear to relate to another building called the Corn Exchange in Abbey Road Bourne, Lincolnshire which is 195 miles from the application site and appears to be copied from an article by Rex Needle published in 2013.

The Civic Society is shocked and surprised that this application was signed off and submitted by the Council.

In summary, whilst we accept that some action needs to be taken the application for planning permission needs to be much more thorough and unless the information noted above is provided the application should be rejected.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the Planning Group of Exeter Civic Society

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