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**Subject:** Re: Amended Plans for Planning Application 19/1556/FUL

Thank you for sending me details of the revised plans for the a Harlequin Centre in Exeter. I have also seen photographs of the recent balloons that were recently raised in the city to show the heights of the planned project.

I would like to lodge my very strong objections to the proposals.

Not only is the planned building still very high - despite your new plans to lower it - and will dwarf the nearby buildings, but the architecture is bland and boring and frankly unsightly. It isn't merely tucked behind existing structures so one can't see it. Rather, it protrudes and will soon be yet another eyesore in our city.

The Queen Street area still has some nice old buildings and streets. This development will detract from and over-shadow any character the city has left in the area.

I am not averse to the provision of small ( non student) apartments in the city. However the concept of co-living is controversial. We ought to provide individual living apartments which are completely independent from other units. Only students or temporary workers might like co-living life, and that is because they know it is not for long. For the majority of others, they will prefer a small flat to call their own. They don't need communal areas. Living in town will decrease any need for eating or socialising space on site. Although I'm not against the provision if a good case can be made for this.

But please, please make the building unobtrusive. Make it beautiful. Not just utilitarian. Make it into delightful flats that people will want to live in and call home. Give them space too - with the uncertainty of health issues and unseen viruses - so that they can feel safe not having to mix with others. Don't allow this to become an ugly slum in the middle of our city.

Don't make everything for profit. Let's build with thoughts of beauty in our city. Let's not crowd people into small spaces in vast buildings that over-reach the area.

I do hope you completely rethink this project. It has raised serious objections from many groups and individuals. I do hope that the Council will not go along with developers' plans without taking very careful consideration from the residents of the city and with some foresight into what they really want the city to look like and be like in the future

Kind regards  
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Sent from my iPhone