

**UPDATE FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF A REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
– TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2021**

**2. 20/00455/FUL & Old Town Hall, Grafton Street, Sandown  
20/00456/LBC**

**Nature of Representation**

Since publication of the officer report a representation has been received on behalf of The Island Collection/Venture South objecting to the application for the following reasons:

- Town Hall is a prominent listed building and scarce asset in Sandown, and has been a civic landmark for 150 years, vacant for 4 years.
- Proposed project risks degrading/losing the value of the building to the Sandown community and to the historic record.
- Historically and artistically significant interior ornament and mural should be preserved, not only recorded.
- Primary concern that utility and potential of the building as a community asset is likely to be fatally compromised by the surrounding residential development.
- Town much very much in need of positive and determined community-focused regeneration, the loss of one of its biggest cultural assets without imaginative exploration of alternatives or proactive engagement with the cultural and arts sectors seems short-sighted.

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The Council's Archaeological Officer has requested that condition 4 is updated to ensure that Written Scheme of Investigation required by this condition includes a timetable for the various stages of building research, investigation, and recording. Condition 4 for both the planning application and listed building application have been updated as highlighted below:

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- the WSI;
- Carrying out and completion of recording prior to and during works to the principal building;
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  - Depositing and archive of the report and dissemination of results.

The submitted WSI shall also include a timetable for the implementation of these stages.

The agreed WSI, including agreed timings set out within it, shall be adhered to and the final report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and then subsequently archived and disseminated as agreed within the WSI.

If following further investigation within the hall and former reading room undertaken in accordance with the WSI any surviving paintings, murals or gallery/balcony are discovered, details of how those features are to be treated shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority prior to any further works being carried out in that part of the building. The discovered feature(s) and works shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed details.

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### **Officer Conclusion**

Officers have amended condition 4 for both the planning and listed building consent applications. Members to note the change to the officer recommendation as set out in the published report.

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