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Sent: 11 June 2020 10:45
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Subject: Public Comment (both applications for Old Post Office, London Road North)

Dear Joe,

I wanted to attach the attached to the Town Council comments I submitted on the portal as there seems to have been a problem with this representation being displayed. Could you please confirm it can be displayed. Mr Bunn had previously submitted it directly to Mel. Thank you.

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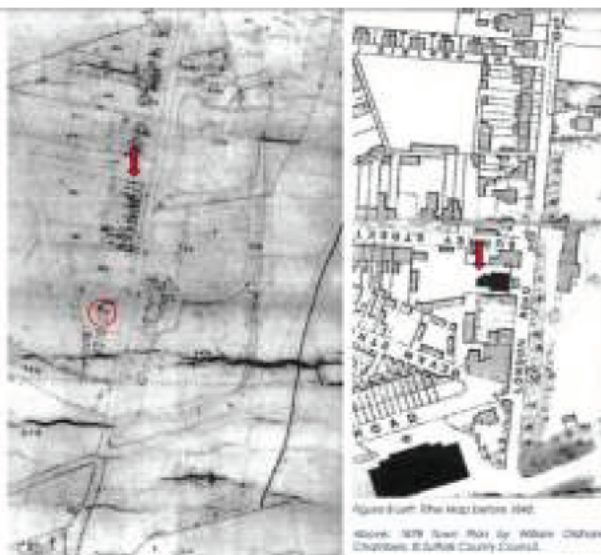
24 March 2020

RE: POST OFFICE, 51 LONDON ROAD, NORTH LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, NR32 1AA
Application No. DC/20/0653/FUL

Dear Ms Pieterman,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the above application in particular the proposed demolition of the large building at the rear of the former office fronting London Road North.

As an historian I am concerned that the Heritage Impact Assessment produced by Parker Planning Services have neglected to take into consideration the probable historical significance of this building. I am also concerned because in their Assessment they have wrongly identified the site on the 1840 Tithe Map on which the Post Office stands today [Page 24, Fig. 8 left]. The correct site (which I have below circled on the copy of Assessment) contains a building which corresponds with the site of the building referred to above.





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The site as identified on this map in the Assessment (marked with an arrow) is in the wrong location. I have circled the correct location containing the building to which I refer. This is identified as Plot 189 on the Tithe Map and the Tithe Apportionment describes it as a house and gardens in the occupation of a certain Samuel Thomas Carter.

This house would become the first General Post Office [the “chief Office”] in the year 1873. The Assessment notes this on page 10, quoting from a contemporary newspaper report, *The Lowestoft Observer*, 28 June 1873, that the house was “...once in the occupation of Mr. Till, and adjoining Suffolk Hotel...” The house I have identified on the Tithe Map did adjoin the old Suffolk Hotel at this time and, as further evidence that it is the correct house, in 1868 it was occupied by a Mrs. Till [Lowestoft Street Directory]. Therefore, it is my opinion that this oversight in the Assessment has overlooked the possible historical significance of the present building.

Furthermore, the Heritage Impact Assessment conjectures that the building in question “...appears to date from the 1930s...” [page 10] despite the fact that it is clearly identified in the Assessment on a photograph dating from the 1890s [Top, Fig 1, page 6] as “...the residential property that first served as Post Office...”

In the light of this I would suggest that a far more thorough examination of this building should be undertaken before permission is given for its demolition and thus causing a loss to the town of a possibly historically significant building.

Yours sincerely,

