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Dear Sirs

Planning Application ref. no: 20/04491/FUL
62-63 Allhallowgate, Ripon

The Society supports the reinstatement of this property to residential use and the contribution this will make to the overriding character of the street and townscape.

There remains one aspect of the proposals that is of concern and which the Society urges should be corrected before approval is granted. This is the obtrusive painted elevation to Allhallowgate. The Design and Access Statement (p4) includes photographs which clearly demonstrates this painting has been regrettable in the Conservation Area. Whilst there are other painted properties the Society argues that this simply demonstrates how inappropriate this is for one of Ripon's oldest streets. Exposure and restoration of what should be the underlying brickwork would be commendable. (The recent example of this approach at a property on North Road / Magdalens Road should be encouraging.)

The proposed third dwelling to the rear of the principal property is an ingenious solution and is supported. Once again, the Society draws attention to the painted walling and urges that this too should be facing brick.

The Society trusts that these suggestions will be given serious attention.

Yours faithfully,

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