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Dear Sirs

Application Ref: 22/03777/CON
Nos 1,3,5 Bedern Court and 17 Skellgarths, Ripon HG4 1PF
Demolition of nos. 1, 3 & 5 Bedern Court and 17 Skellgarths including access steps and enclosure of site by 1.8m high hoarding whilst site investigation is carried out.

The demolition of the unstable properties at Bedern Court is accepted.

What concerns the Society is the proposal that the site is simply enclosed with Heras fencing for which no details are given. If this is to be of the simple mesh type then we strongly oppose and ask for something better. It is not acceptable to leave a site in a conservation area which could well remain empty for years without proper visual screening.

The old library site nearby is a reminder of a site which had to have its mesh fencing replaced with solid boarding and is all the better for it. Furthermore we would direct you to the former Skellbank Filling Station for ample demonstration of what happens when proper screening is not installed from the outset as the attached photo reveals.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Hughes

Chairman, Ripon Civic Society

