

Online Comment

Application H16-0209-25
Location THE SESSIONS HOUSE SHEEP MARKET SPALDING PE11 1BB
Proposal Removal of tiered benching viewing gallery in the old courtroom

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For/Against Comments

Historic Environment Officer

Thank you for consulting us on this application.

The submitted heritage impact assessment confirms the significance of The Sessions House, located in Sheep Market, Spalding, as a Grade II listed building.

The proposal includes the 'remove the tiered benching veiwing gallery in the old courtroom of Session House'. The complete removal of the C10th benches would harm the building's significance and affect its historic interest.

Therefore, we are unable to provide an informed recommendation on the application until the applicant has provided a more detailed assessment of the proposal's impact on the listed building. This should include an exploration of partial retention options and details on the storage of the benches. A revised heritage impact assessment will be required.

This recommendation aligns with paragraphs 203, 212, 213, and 215 of the NPPF.

Finally, the SHDK Conservation Officer must be consulted due to the significance of the Listed Building.