

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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Date Submitted 16-05-25
For/Against Objections

We wish to object to this application on the grounds that removal of the benching would be prejudicial to the historic interest in the building which was purpose built as an Assizes Court House during 1842 and opened in 1843. Policy 29 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan requires that proposals must not prejudice the historic interest of a listed building, which we feel this proposal does.

Paragraph 210 (a) of the National Planning Policy Framework requires planning authorities to take into account of "the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets and putting them to viable uses consistent with their conservation;" . We do not consider that the benching prevents the space from being used in viable way.

We support the observations made by Historic England, The Victorian Society and Historic Buildings and Places and would encourage the applicant to withdraw the application, in light of the strength of those observations.