Online Comment

Application	H16-0333-22
Location	RED LION HOTEL MARKET PLACE SPALDING PE11 1SU
Proposal	External decoration of building

Name	Spalding & District Civic Society
Address	36 Park Avenue Spalding Lincs PE11 1QX

Date Submitted	03-07-22
For/Against	Comments

Whilst we welcome the considered approach to this proposal, we feel that the colour chosen for the exterior walls may give the appearance of a grey building especially on cloudy days and in poor light.

The official listing for this building describes the walls as being of painted stucco which traditionally would have consisted of cement, water and sand. However the watercolour painting of the Red Lion Hotel by Hilkiah Burgess painted around 1830 in the collection of the Spalding Gentlemens Society and reproduced in "More Aspects of Spalding" (page 70) indicates the originally the building was not originally rendered. Therefore the stucco rendering was probably a later addition and may have included Portland cement used increasingly from the latter C19th. The existing cream based colour would seem to be more in line with that legacy given that Portland Stone (as used on St Pauls Cathedral, Somerset House and the Cenotaph) when weathered has the same creamy white appearance.

We would therefore ask the applicant if they could reconsider the choice of colour as we do not consider that it will brighten the appearance of this important building in the town centre. A pale stone colour reflecting the local limestone would seem more in keeping with the building and compliment the limestone that is used on many buildings within the conservation area.