Online Comment

Application	H16-1029-21
Location	1 VINE STREET SPALDING PE11 1AN
Proposal	Alterations to retail space to form one residential apartment unit

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

Date Submitted	05-12-21
For/Against	Comments

The premises is within the town centre boundary and conservation area has been used for retail purposes for several decades. Policy 29 requires that proposals that affect the setting of the conservation area should preserve features that contribute positively to the area's character, appearance and setting. We therefore regret the loss of a retail unit with a prominent position visible from the river that acts as an invitation to passers by and visitors to explore the retail offerings available in The Crescent.

The plans do nothing to give the property the appearance of a residential dwelling as there is no door on the eastern frontage which would be expected given the appearance of the original part of the property. We feel that the inclusion of a door at the centre of the eastern frontage would enhance the appearance of the building. This in turn would give greater flexibility for the premises to be used again for retail, or as an office space at some point in the future.