Online Comment

Application	H16-1062-21
Location	Former Spalding Delivery Office The Crescent Spalding PE11 1AF
Proposal	Change of use of former sorting office to mixed use comprising retail use on ground floor and 10 flats on upper floors; 5 two bed flats and 5 one bed flats; including alterations.

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Date Submitted	23-03-22
For/Against	Comments

I write to confirm that, from a conservation perspective, I have no objections to this proposal.

The proposal intends to make good use of an existing and dilapidated, untidy property which is prominent and holds great sway over the overall character of this portion of the conservation area. The sorting office is an exemplar of its type - mid-C20th royal mail, postal service architecture. Therefore, it is somewhat appreciated that instead of a thoroughly modern development, making no reference to the history of the site, it is instead proposed to preserve and restore the extant structure, whilst making some minor alterations to make the site more suited to 21st century residential use.

All proposed materials are suited to the host structure and acceptable within a conservation setting, and what little aesthetic alterations are proposed to the structure, remain in keeping with the postal history of the site and the mid-C20th functionalist design of the structure. By renovating and bringing into regular use a known untidy site which had become a draw on the qualities and character of the conservation area, I am confident that such a proposal can aid in enhancing the Historic Environment in-line with the requirements of Section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021)