



## Bath Heritage Watchdog

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 17/01538/LBA

ADDRESS: Boots, 34-35 Westgate Street

PROPOSAL: Internal and external alterations to install 9 no. internal sliding grilles in RAL 9010 (white) to front elevation

CASE OFFICER: Victoria Griffen

DATE: 31 March 2017

COMMENT: OBJECTION

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Bath Heritage Watchdog objects to this application.

Whilst we accept that security is a concern for businesses, especially those dispensing medical supplies, installation of any sort of security shutter has to be carefully considered. Such shutters have the potential to detract from the character and appearance of the listed building and have a wider impact on the streetscene of the conservation area. It is not detailed in the application whether the premises has been the subject of numerous break ins.

The building in question is on a corner and therefore has a wide extent of glazing. The installation of security shutters to each of the windows would therefore have a greater impact than if there were only a couple of windows.

It is noted that the medical supplies are all located towards the rear of the shopfloor. We therefore question whether it would be possible to install some sort of internal security shutter for this section of the shop. It would have the benefit of protecting the medical supplies but also retaining the integrity and appearance of the listed building.

The works, by virtue of the installation of security shutters would be detrimental to the historic character and architectural interest of the listed building, adjacent listed buildings and conservation area contrary to the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act) 1990, Section 12 (Conserving and enhancing the historic environment) of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), policies; B1, B2 and B4 of the B&NES Core Strategy and saved polices; D2, BH2, BH6 and BH21 of the B&NES Local Plan. We would therefore recommend that the application be withdrawn and advice sought from the Historic Environment Team or be refused in its current format.