Bath Heritage Watchdog
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APPLICATION NUMBER:  18/01818/LBA

ADDRESS:         Unit 1, Pets At Home, Herman Miller Building

PROPOSAL:    Display of Solar film to existing glazing

CASE OFFICER:  Adrian Neilson

DATE:           5 May 2018

COMMENT:        OBJECTION

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Bath Heritage Watchdog objects to this application.

This application is poorly presented. It resubmits previous documents relating to the original restoration of the building and subdivision for various businesses. It does not actually cover the justification and reasoning for the proposal itself.

From the specification document it would appear that the film to be applied is to reduce heat and light. However, in doing so it blackens the glass from the outside. Not only does this remove the ability to view the Mero roof structure externally it also removes the uniformity of the overall listed building which is one of the main characteristics. Nothing in the submitted documents details any alternatives that may have been considered and discounted.

The works as proposed are considered to be detrimental to the special architectural and historic character and interest of the listed building, adjacent listed buildings and the conservation area contrary to S16 and S72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990, Section 12 ‘Conserving & Enhancing the Historic Environment of the NPPF and Policies DW1, D1, D2, D3, D10, and HE1 of the Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan and should be refused.