



## Bath Heritage Watchdog

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 18/02657/DEM  
ADDRESS: 10/11 Avon Buildings, Twerton  
PROPOSAL: Demolition of 10 & 11 Avon Buildings  
CASE OFFICER: Chloe Buckingham  
DATE: 3 July 2018  
COMMENT: **STRONG OBJECTION**

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Bath Heritage Watchdog strongly objects to this application.

The buildings in question are the remainder of what was Avon Buildings and Bence's Yard, part of old Twerton which is now sadly rapidly disappearing.

It is noted that there was a previous application for redevelopment of the site which included the demolition of these buildings. It was refused, partly because the proposal was unacceptable but also because the specialist conservation officers made it clear that the case for demolition had not been made and their retention was desirable.

The buildings are considered to be undesignated heritage assets being a late Georgian/early Victorian shop and no 10 with some traditional ghost writing, indicating its previous use as a butchers shop, for which there are historic photos. No 10 was also known as Railway House.

This application appears to be a change of tactics in that it is just an application for demolition without the benefit of knowing what will replace it. This is wholly unacceptable and the application should be rejected on that point alone.

It is stated that the buildings are in disrepair and structurally unsound. No structural report has been provided to demonstrate this. However as it is the owner's responsibility to maintain property, it is inexcusable that this direct neglect is now being used as a reason to demolish.

We believe the case for demolition is not proven and indeed would result in the unacceptable loss of historic assets and lead to the further degradation of the history of this part of the city. The application should be refused.