



## Bath Heritage Watchdog

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 18/03043/FUL

ADDRESS: 6 Abbeygate Street

PROPOSAL: Use of highway for the stationing of 3 tables and 9 chairs

CASE OFFICER: Rae Mepham

DATE: 29 July 2018

COMMENT: OBJECTION

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Bath Heritage Watchdog objects to this application.

It is clear both from the application and the actual reality (the furniture has been in place for some while) that there is insufficient room for tables and chairs for this particular property. The pavement here is extremely narrow and already difficult for people to negotiate, especially the partially sighted. Pedestrians cannot be expected to walk on the roadway setts which are difficult to negotiate for the best of us.

In addition Abbey Green has always been a tranquil area and this constant pressure to have outside furniture is having a detrimental impact on this Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Finally it is becoming evident that licences for such furniture are being handed out without any consideration for either planning legislation or pedestrian safety. We would suggest that the system needs to be changed so that licences cannot be issued without a valid planning permission being in place.