



## Bath Heritage Watchdog

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APPLICATION NUMBER: 19/00042/LBA

ADDRESS: Masonic Hall, 12 Old Orchard Street

PROPOSAL: External alterations for the installation of two new poster display cases

CASE OFFICER: Caroline Waldron

DATE: 13 January 2019

COMMENT: OBJECT

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Bath Heritage Watchdog objects to this application in its current format.

When determining all applications for new shopfronts and signage we ask that the following guidelines are observed.

*The context, or general setting, of Bath should be understood, respected and reflected in any proposed work to shopfronts.*

*Design, materials and workmanship should be of the highest quality.*

*Any proposed or altered shopfront should be historically credible.*

*House styles which do not meet the requirements of style, lettering, materials and signs are not acceptable. Multiples should be required to adapt their proposals to the special conditions of the city.*

*Standard designs of any sort are not acceptable. They should be specifically designed for their context.*

We do not have an 'in principle' objection to the addition of a notice to the Masonic Hall. However, we do not support the proposed locations. We would encourage just one case located where the current leaflet holder is. This is the place where such information would expect to be found.

No detailed drawings of the proposed cases or the method of fixing has been provided with the application for assessment.

### SUMMARY

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, CP6, D1, D2, D3, D8, D9, D10, and HE1 of the Core Strategy and Placemaking Plan and should be revised or refused in its current format.