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Subject: 69434 - Radcliffe Public Library

Dean,

The library is a Non-Designated Heritage Asset and a Carnegie library. As such it possesses a high level local heritage value and significance. It is in prominent position on Stand Lane. It possess both historic and architectural interest.

It is understood from the application details and notes on the submitted plans part of the proposal has been installed (see drawing KB 11301 EXT RAIL AND SIGNAGE) this makes the application part proposed and part retention.

The existing and proposed handrails represents a direct affect on the Non-Designated Asset (paragraph 203 of the NPPF).

The handrails would be permanently visible on the building causing harm to its significance and as such are not acceptable.

The application states it is in part the cost of the clearing out leaves and other detritus etc from trees on Stand Lane in front of the building and the elevation facing the car park that has driven the need for manual access to the roof of the building requiring safety handrails. It should be noted that historically there were no trees outside the building. The trees could be removed therefore reducing the amount of maintenance required. The trees are not protected and do not form part of a conservation area.

The other solution would be to install foldable handrails that can be locked in place during use and locked away afterwards only being visible for the time maintenance is being carried out.

As it is the application cannot be supported in heritage conservation terms.

Kind Regards

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