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Dear Ms Sarah Papaleo
I hope you are well

Thank you for consulting the Victorian Society on this case. Having reviewed the case carefully, we **object** to this application due to the harm this proposal represents to a listed building.

17 and 18 High Street are part of a characterful and cohesive building, which is Grade II-listed. This means that this building is recognised for its national significance and special interest. We highlight that this retrospective application to remove what appears to be a historic door and replace it with a painted wooden panel does represent less than significant harm to this nationally significant and historic building and we dispute the application's claim that the painted wooden board '*provides an improved external appearance*'.

This building is remarkably architecturally cohesive, which adds to its character and special interest, and its positive contribution to the streetscape. We highlight that all other shopfronts on this building appear to retain their historic doors and shopfronts, with the exception of no. 18 which would appear to be a 20th century intervention. We recommend that your Authority refuse this application, and the harm that it causes, and we suggest that the door is replaced like for like, along with the historic character of the shopfront joinery.

We understand that the threat of vandalism is omnipresent for many listed buildings, and we would suggest good lighting and CCTV cameras as a sympathetic and acceptable way of combatting this. We question the claim that '*removal of the damaged door removes a potential route for thieves to attempt to access the business*' given the large windows either side of the entry ways. As it stands, we do not believe that this application fulfils the '*clear and convincing justification*' that is so central to the National Planning Policy Framework (2024, paras. 212-215).

We would also accept a 'faux' door, which is not functional and is fixed shut, but retains the visually cohesive nature of this listed building and its setting. This would minimise the harm to this building but also allay the applicants concerns over entry ways and vandalism.

If you could keep the Victorian Society updated on your decision in due course, I would be very grateful.

Thank you
Thomas Ollivier



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