

[John Herson <hersonjohn@gmail.com>](mailto:hersonjohn@gmail.com) 2 Mar at 4:52 PM
To [BUTTERWORTH, Lauren](#)

Message body

Dear Lauren,

Many thanks for your reply to my e-mail.

On behalf of the Civic Trust, can I say we are really pleased with your information that the large signs did not form part of the final application and would not have been permitted if they had been. This fact was not immediately apparent from our reading of the application documents but that may well have been an oversight on our part.

We sometimes feel that corporate signage in the city conservation area seems rather a lost cause, and it is good to know that, in this case at least, the planning authority has stood out against a clearly inappropriate proposal.

With best wishes,

John Herson

Civic Trust New Works Committee

On 2 March 2017 at 16:33, BUTTERWORTH,
Lauren <Lauren.Butterworth@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon John,

Thank you for your email.

Firstly, please let me put your mind at ease that the two large signs you refer to have not been permitted. These were originally proposed by the applicant and considered to be unacceptable in terms of their size, siting and materials among other reasons.

As such, following discussion with both the Planning team and Conservation officer the scheme was reduced to propose a hanging sign on an ornate bracket and a small plaque to be placed on the Greyfriars elevation between the door and window.

This is what the description of the proposal refers to and what the approved plans listed on both the listed building consent and advertisement consent decision notices detail.

To confirm, the two large signs did not form part of the final proposal and do not form part of either consent.

I hope this clarifies matters for you. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Lauren Butterworth-Taylor

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From: John Herson [[mailto: hersonjohn@gmail.com](mailto:hersonjohn@gmail.com)]

Sent: 27 February 2017 13:53

To: PLANNING

Subject: Applications 17-00241 and 17-00242

fao Lauren Buttterworth-Taylor: please forward

Dear Ms Butterworth-Taylor,

I am writing to you on behalf of Chester Civic Trust as the case officer for the above applications to express regret at the approval given on 24th February to the application for signage on 1 Greyfriars, Chester, CH1 1NW.

The application was described in the planning portal as 'hanging sign and door plaque' but this was not accurate. There would indeed have been no objection to the hanging sign or door plaque proposed if that had been the limit of the application.

The application also covered, however, further signage not described in the summary title. The applicants proposed, and have presumably now been allowed, to place two additional large and crude signs on this listed building, one at first floor level and one on the gable end. Neither sign relates well to the elegance of the building.

We are concerned that, possibly due to oversight, an unpleasant precedent has now been set in allowing this application. We regret we were not able to make our objection known before the decision was made.

Yours,

John Herson

On behalf of Chester Civic Trust