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By email

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Dear Mr Jones,

Planning application: 16F/1539 - To erect mixed use development on land at Skelhorne Street/Bolton Street comprising 2 blocks for ground floor commercial uses (Use Classes A1-A5, B1 or D1) with student accommodation on upper floors with associated landscaping, servicing and access works.

SAVE Britain's Heritage objected to this planning application on the 27 July 2016, and our letter is attached. We now write again directly to members of the planning committee to draw attention to our objections, and to highlight that approval of this scheme would be in direct conflict with a decision taken by UNESCO at the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee in July 2016. The decision stated that:

'[The World Heritage Committee] Notes furthermore the submission by the State Party on 8 July 2016 of new information about two projects: Princes Reach, Princes Dock, Liverpool and Proposed Student Residences in Skelhorne Street, Liverpool and also requests the State Party to ensure that neither project receives project approval, until the DSOCR has been finalized and adopted;'

Notwithstanding our objection to this application, we request that the application be **deferred** until the Desired State of Conservation Report (DSOCR) has been finalised and adopted. The final draft of the DSOCR is due to be submitted by 1 December 2016, and a deferment of less than two months does not seem an unreasonable prospect – given the sensitivity of the site and the views held by UNESCO.

This latter point we feel is particularly crucial, given that the World Heritage Committee are actively considering removing Liverpool's World Heritage Site status.

I would be grateful if you could notify me of the committee's decision in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Fox', written in a cursive style.

Mike Fox
Deputy Director