

Brinkworth, Emma (Planning Officer)

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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0815 & 25/0816 (10 - 12 Austin Friars Newport South Wales NP20 1DQ) (FULL & ADV)

Hi Emma

Re: INSTALLATION OF AN INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATION HUB UNIT WITH INTEGRAL ADVERTISEMENT DISPLAY, DEFIBRILLATOR AND CITY WAYFINDING

This application proposes a 2.6m height and 1.3m wide 'Communication Hub' unit, featuring on one side an 86" screen and on the other a 32" touchscreen. It is proposed to be located just outside the Town Centre Conservation Area (CA), on Austin Friars. This is therefore a question of setting impact.

Though westerly views are focussed into the CA by the narrow street of Austin Friars, it is a view principally channelled by modern structures, and terminated by the starkly Modern Iceland building to the western side of Commercial Street.

Of note are the Grade II Listed former Woolwich Building Society (to the north of the junction) and the Grade II Listed former Halifax building to the south, both of which present richly ornamented and classically inspired elevations to Austin Friars. However, these assets are not considered to be prominent from the eastern end of the street (and the location of the proposed site), due to the nature of the modern buildings which principally line the street in question.

Overall, the level of setting impact upon the abovementioned listed assets is considered to be low.

Many thanks,

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