# Comment on a planning application

**Application Details**

**Application:** 24/1202/FUL

**Address:** 97 High StreetTeddingtonTW11 8HG

**Proposal:** Installation of a new shopfront

**Comments Made By**

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**Comments**

**Type of comment:**  Object to the proposal

**Comment:** My initial objections have already been submitted - especially that no prior planning permission was sought before the destruction of the original shopfront.

I also take issue with the misinformation presented in the retrospective planning application, ie, that it was necessary to replace the original facade to ensure the building's preservation. This is patently untrue as other shops up and down the High St have reconstructed theirs to remain in keeping with the original wood and brick front. Also, the owner could have applied for the Shop Front Improvement Grant scheme, which they could have used to 'restore' the original.

It was laughable to read they have 'addressed significant safety concerns, correcting hazardous conditions' when in fact the builders demolished the shop front with no warning to the council or any safety measures in place for people walking past and while they used sledgehammers to knock out the brickwork.

As I write this, supposedly ahead of any decision, the builders are already putting the final touches of plaster and render to the shop front, to finish the project - an unusually confident move considering the final decision has yet to be made by the planning department?

Finally, it is untrue to state the final shop facade 'will match the original design' as the existing timbers and bricks have been removed and destroyed. In its place is now stands glass - albeit with frosted window film to be applied in an attempt to mimic the original design. In my view, this does not constitute any meaningful definition of 'conservation' and the demolition of the shop front was blatantly carried out without any attempt to engage Richmond planning deptarment or the Teddington local residents.