

## Comment on a planning application

### Application Details

**Application:** 24/1202/FUL

**Address:** 97 High Street Teddington TW11 8HG

**Proposal:** Installation of a new shopfront

### Comments Made By

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### Comments

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

**Comment:** The original Georgian frontage of No. 97 High Street contributed significantly to the historic charm and architectural continuity of the High Street. The new plate glass frontage is starkly modern and discordant, eroding the historical character that is vital to the identity of our town center. This alteration undermines the preservation efforts that have been upheld in our community for many years.

The modern plate glass frontage creates a jarring visual disconnect with the surrounding buildings, many of which retain their period features. The cohesive visual appeal of the High Street, characterized by its historical façades, is crucial to both residents and visitors. The new frontage at No. 97 disrupts this harmony, resulting in a less attractive and inviting environment.

Granting retrospective permission for such an inappropriate alteration sets a dangerous precedent for future developments on the High Street. It may encourage other property owners to disregard the architectural heritage of their buildings in favor of modern, incongruous designs. This could lead to a gradual erosion of the unique historical character of the area, which is irreplaceable once lost.