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The Quay Bridge

Dear Mr Smith

The Planning sub-committee of Exeter Civic Society considers that the structure proposed would unacceptably alter the well-known and highly valued view of the leat, the Custom House, the nearby warehouses and the existing Quay Bridge itself. The structure would only form a meaningful component of the view from the Mallinson Bridge and the seating areas at the side of the leat if it were convincingly essential for protection against severe flooding.

We understand that, whereas the plans for flood protection arrangements above the Quay Bridge were intended to give full protection in the event of a hundred year flood, they are now considered adequate only for a flood with a possible occurrence within seventy five years.

It is difficult to balance this fact against the alteration of the existing scenic and historic view, but until/unless the Council, Heritage England (and we) can be assured that the structure proposed is the only viable solution and is realistically essential Planning sub-committee recommends that the application is Refused.

Pamela Wootton, for Planning sub-committee (of Exeter Civic society).