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228 High Street. Alterations to ground, first and second floor levels, addition of a third-floor level to create eight new apartments (*Revised Plans*). [20/0391/FUL \(CA\)](#)

Planning sub-committee of Exeter Civic Society welcomes aspects of this wisely revised application which no longer contains the over-sailing bay windows to which we objected in the last version and which, by reducing the number of flats and by some rearrangement has resulted in an improved elevation of the proposed additional storey.

The new third floor is redesigned with no gap in the elevation between two good flats and is cut back from the High Street end well enough not to be visible from the street below. Although visible in a long view from north-east part of High Street it is not so obtrusive in bulk that it significantly affects the conservation area.

However we do still object to the metallic cladding of this 'bulk' and hope that the surface colouring, which we note is to be considered, will render it as unnoticeable as possible and certainly not reflective. Until this point can be agreed we trust the application will not be approved.

As an additional comment Planning sub-committee suggests that the City Council should take this opportunity to enhance the entrance from High Street to this part of Gandy Street by attractive and informative signage, and possibly by including conditions in the eventual decision requiring the applicant to provide decoration which will alert visitors and residents to the delights of the shops, restaurants, museum and gardens beyond.

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For the Planning sub-committee of Exeter Civic Society