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71 Holloway Street. Change of use from hotel/hostel to 6 domestic flats and associated works. [20/1278/FUL \(CA&LB\)](#) and [20/1279/LBC](#)

Planning sub-committee of Exeter Civic Society finds this application so lacking in information that it is difficult to usefully respond to it.

The application gives no reason for the change of use. Although in the present troubles we may assume that the cause is lack of custom there may be other reasons equally unstated. If the dearth of Backpackers is the sole reason it is possible, even probable, that such adventurous travelling will recover in a year or so, reinvigorating Exeter's need of this facility.

The description of the proposal, item 4 on the application form, gives only 'New window and internal works to form serviced apartments' while item 8 lists work to the interior and exterior drastic enough to include some 'stripping out', but there is no explanatory text. The only other document gives the location of the Listed building and a plan of the existing ground floor but without relating this to the proposed new use. There is no indication of the arrangement of the other floors of the Hostel and no plans, text or drawings showing how six individual flats could be created.

Even though a Change of Use application does not need elaborate depiction of the intended result planning sub-committee considers that use of this notable building deserves fuller information than is provided. We trust that the present application will be refused at this time and we look forward to a more meaningful and better documented proposal in the reasonable future if change of use remains necessary.

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For Planning sub-committee of Exeter Civic Society