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**HM Prison Exeter, New North Road. 2-storey modular building in front of C Wing [21/0126/FUL](#)
[\(CA&LB\)](#)**

Planning sub-committee of Exeter Civic Society has further considered the application for this necessary addition to the notable Listed building. We note that from nearby viewpoints the roof-line appears slightly above the outer wall and that from higher viewpoints it is more prominent.

Presumably in designing the two storey Visitor facility a lower overall height was not found practicable and it was not possible to bed the modular building more deeply into the site. On these points the application does not offer information. Clearly the applicant realizes that the modular building will not be entirely invisible but does not justify the rather utilitarian design of the roof.

Planning sub-committee hopes that the design can be reconsidered sufficiently to achieve a roof-line which in materials and configuration better reflects its setting. We suggest that until further consideration has been given to these features approval should not be given to this otherwise welcome facility.

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for the Planning sub-committee of Exeter Civic Society.