

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2019/1625/P	Slaney Devlin	04/05/2019 23:35:38	OBJ	<p>Leaving a section of the old school building on Phoenix Road, sealed and filled with concrete blocks, is completely unacceptable.</p> <p>Even when in use, this building added nothing to the Phoenix Road streetscape. The original planning applications' own Heritage Statement confirmed this:</p> <p>"In-fill building (Nos. 38-40 Phoenix Road) This building is extremely plain without attempting any meaningful architectural expression. It does not contribute positively to the townscape along Phoenix Road. It is of communal value only so far as it is useful to the school. It is not included on the Local List and has no apparent historic, architectural or artistic interest."</p> <p>To leave a section of this building up is to blight the streetscape and should not be allowed.</p> <p>The area where this bit of building has been left was to be a planted border/habitat garden – one of the few green areas in the school. It was to have had an educational function as well as improving local biodiversity and helping to take run-off water from the site. I cannot see any replacement for these functions in the application.</p> <p>Having followed closely the correspondence between 42 Phoenix, the applicant and the Council throughout the construction, including the demolition of most of 38-40 Phoenix Road without a party wall agreement and causing enormous distress to residents in 42 Phoenix Road, I have no doubt that this application is an effort to save time and money and has nothing whatsoever to do with the relationship with 42 Phoenix Road. It should be rejected.</p>
