

The Old Oast House, Hollow Lane: CA/09/01303

Letter sent on behalf of the Society to Development Control:

22.10.09

The Oast House, Hollow Lane: CA/09/1303

We are writing on behalf of the Canterbury Society to object to the proposed demolition of the Oast House in Hollow Lane. The building is an attractive, well built structure that could very well be converted to new uses. We would have no objection to a suitable extension to the existing building if that would support such a conversion.

Once standing in the midst of hop gardens, it is important reminder of the history of Canterbury and its involvement in this industry.

In its current setting, it marks the point at which the built up area of the city meets the open fields, and in doing so it contributes in an attractive way to the experience of the city and its location in the countryside. It can clearly be seen from Hollow Lane and it enhances the historical sense of the locality as you leave the city. The building is in good condition and retains its historic features.

We note that your web site states that it is a recent addition to the local list of 'locally important buildings'.

We urge you very strongly to turn down this application for the needless destruction of a building that has significance for Canterbury and its history, and which could well be converted to new uses.

Yours faithfully

Chair: Jan Pahl

Planning: Julia Twigg