

Letters relating to the proposed demolition of the Howard Street Warehouse, Shrewsbury

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Dear Sir,

Howard Street Warehouse, Shrewsbury

British Rail have applied to pull down the above building and I am writing to you to ask for your help in preventing them.

My home town of Shrewsbury is an exceedingly fine town, not only a museum of fine buildings but the proud possessor of green space as well. The green space will always be there because it is a Park with trees and flowers; the buildings are not so lucky and have a limited life unless we take considerable steps to preserve them.

Howard Street Warehouse is a magnificent building of splendid proportions in the neo-classical style. It was built in 1835 and designed by Fallows and Hart of Birmingham as the terminal warehouse of the Shropshire Union Canal. It is within easy walking distance of the town centre and is situated half-way up Howard's Bank (named after Howard the Prison Reformer). At the top of this bank is Shrewsbury Prison which was designed by Thomas Telford. Continue past the Prison and you are in Castlefields, an old area of the town which is subject to re-development of a special kind. This is one of the first schemes of its type whereby an old area is given fresh life with both new buildings and modernisation of old. So you see the whole area is an interesting one and what an asset this beautiful warehouse building would be not only to Castlefields but to Shrewsbury as well.

The building's historical and aesthetic value (tidied up it could again become a most attractive building) and its probable uses have to be weighed against the benefits its demolition would bring to British Rail as additional parking space.

The warehouse is a monument to the Canal and Railway eras which have now passed. Both were great eras which deserve some mark - WE MUST HANG ON TO THIS ONE.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) Jean Hammond

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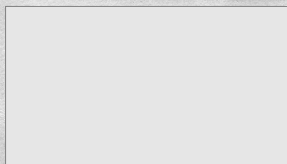
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Dear Sir(s) / Madam

~~TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1971~~

**APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT TO DEMOLISH THE HOWARD STREET WAREHOUSE  
SHREWSBURY**

1. I am writing on behalf of the Secretary of State about the above-mentioned application which has been referred to him in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.
2. You recently wrote to the Department/local planning authority expressing views on the proposed development. The Secretary of State has appointed an Inspector to hold a local inquiry into the application and he will attend for this purpose at The Castle, Shrewsbury on Wed 27 November 1974 at 10.00 am.
3. The inquiry will provide the opportunity for all those concerned to put their views to the Inspector, and your best course is to attend or be represented there.
4. If you cannot attend or be represented and still wish the views expressed in your letter to be considered, you are requested to inform the Department as soon as possible whether you are willing for copies of your letter to be sent to the local planning authority/and the applicant. It is regretted that, if you are not willing for this to be done, the Secretary of State cannot in fairness to the parties take your views into account.

Yours faithfully

MRS N PARRY