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To Stratford upon Avon District Council,

Having been made aware of the plans for the Stratford-upon-Avon Gateway Master plan. I was extremely disappointed to hear about the potential demolition of the old St Gregory's school building at the top of Henley Street.

While I understand the need for our town to progress for the future, it must be remembered why we have the draw of both locals and tourists to the town. It is a beautiful market town with a lot of history and the buildings are part of that.

The building at the top of Henley Street and has shown its versatility from being a school to a community hall to a restaurant, and is still used today for the further activities. It is not only a beautiful building, it is also one of the first buildings tourists see when they come into the town and it is in keeping with the other surrounding architecture.

The council continues to agree to properties being demolished, and to date a number of these have not had buildings reinstated. This is a beautiful building and with clever architecture, new modern buildings could be added around it to fit the old with the new.

All entrances to the town are currently a diabolical mess. Bridge Street has a building which is falling apart. If you enter the town from the train station, the pub was demolished and still there is no building. There are so many shops that are empty in the town, including the one opposite the old St Gregory's school building, it will reach the point where it will take more than the Shakespeare properties to draw people into the town, it needs to be attractive for tourists and locals, and currently this is not the case. The demolition of this building would just add to that.

Under no circumstances, should this building be knocked down, if anything it should be protected. The council continue to put money against questionable decisions which bring money into the Council but do not protect the town and its history, and there have been very few decisions that have benefited the town in recent years. For once can someone see sense? I hope on this occasion this building is saved for the future of the town, its residents and tourists.

Your sincerely

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