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## The Friends of Old Headington

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### **Planning Application 15/00974: 94 Old High Street** (corner of St Andrews Road)

**Comment from the Friends of Old Headington:**

22 April 2015

The applicant has discussed the proposed two-storey extension with the Friends of Old Headington during the planning process, and our architectural adviser is of the view that the owners' approach to the problems of a very small house with an unsuitable single-storey extension is appropriate to its context and setting.

The front of the existing house facing onto Old High Street is brick, and the side is rubble stone. It is proposed to build the extension in brick, which we understand that the planning officer has advised should be painted to match the current white brickwork. This is in keeping with the street scene, where there are a lot of very small houses in slightly varying materials.

We are pleased that the modified drawings show the use of timber window frames and vertical glazing bars such that the windows in the proposed extension will match the existing upstairs front window.

Given its prominent position in the Conservation area it is important that the exact choice of materials is appropriate; the plans and drawings we have seen show that the character of the building is in fact likely to be improved if the quality of the workmanship is also appropriate.

The owners have taken care to consult neighbours and the Friends at all stages, and we are happy to support this application with the proviso noted above.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,

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