

Subject: Development related to the planning applications DC/23/1182 (128 High Street Newmarket)

To the attention of: Councillor John Borda (Scaltback); Councillor Jaclyn Clover (Scaltback); Councillor Andy Drummond (Scaltback); Councillor Eddie Kavanagh (Scaltback); Councillor Charlie Lynch (Newmarket West); Councillor Jo McHugh (Scaltback); Councillor Kevin Yarrow (Newmarket West/Scaltback).

Dear Councillors,

We hope this email will find you well. We would like to thank Councillor Charlie Lynch for acknowledging our previous letter dated from the 15NOV23 (ref: Planning Application concern DC-23-1182 15NOV23).

Our aim is to provide you with an update on current developments since our previous letter.

1) Continuation of the work related to installation of compressor units at 128 High Street Newmarket.

As illustrated in **Figure 1**., the work has continued despite the decision on the application being still “pending” at this date.



Figure 1: Electrical switch and pipes installation through the walled windows.

2) Health & Safety concern related to the compressor units anchoring.

Since our previous letter, some attempts have been made to “secure” the compressor units, as illustrated in **Figure 2**. We remain deeply concerned about the installation. We are used to conduct risk assessments as part of our professional activities. We are not sure that the current anchoring of the compressor units meets the required standards and regulations. Our primary concerns are related to the anchoring of the compressor units to the steel beams (cf Figure 2 for details) and the anchoring of the steel beams to the wall. Taking into account consideration the weight of the units, the vibration that will be generated during operation (i.e. velocity 900 rotation per minute; cf Supporting document to the application; Compressor Details, dated 26JUL23) and the nature of the brick wall, we have concerns about the risk of the brackets failing.

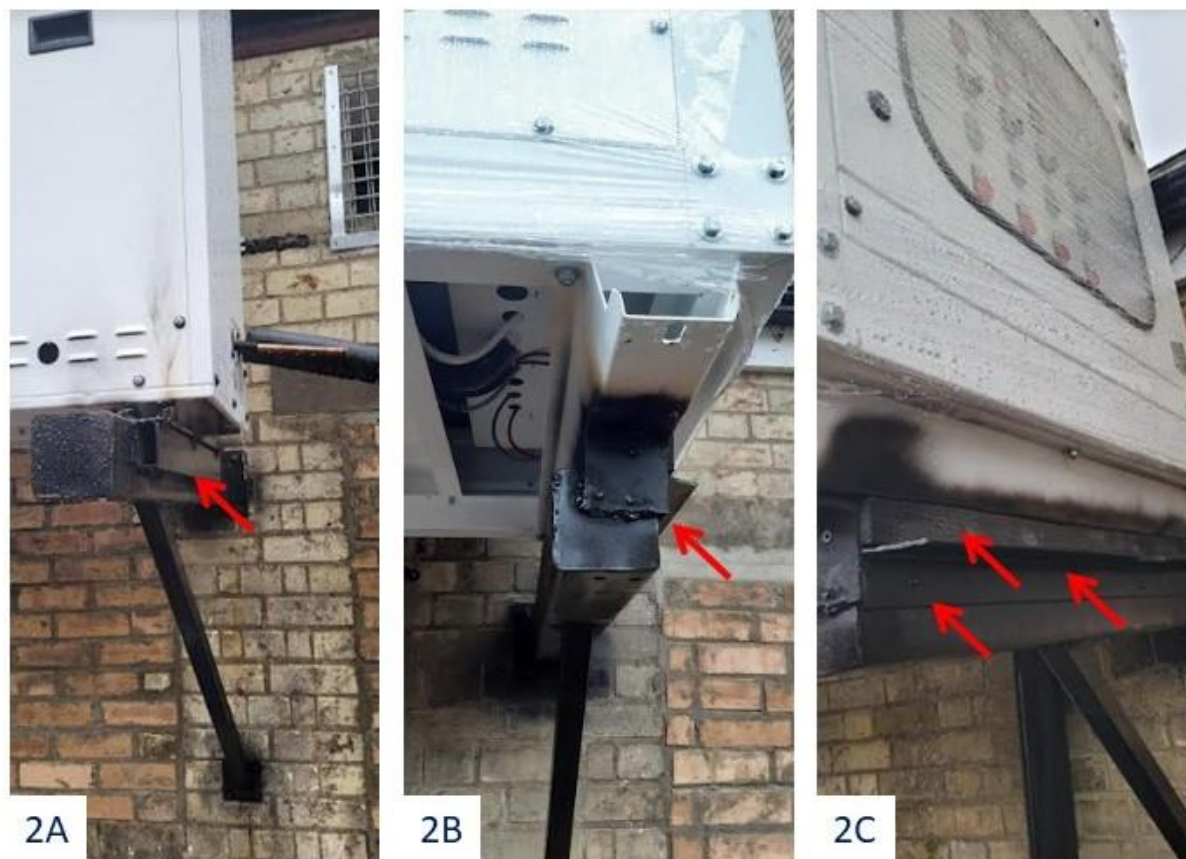


Figure 2: Attempt to secure the compressor units to the steel beams:

2A: unit feet of left unit not aligned on the steel beam, with extra metal pieces welded to the beam for support.

2B: unit feet of right unit not aligned on the steel beam (which is already too short). Metal plates screwed and welded.

2C: metal bracket screwed on the side of the steel beam. Soft wood beam (cf Figure 1, picture dated 15NOV23 for reference) painted in black (cosmetic purpose?).

3) Disruption of Church lane pathway.

The risk of Church lane obstruction was reported in application comments by our neighbours (cf Flat 3, 132 High Street comment, dated 20OCT23), as quoted "Access is extremely limited via Church Lane, which narrows down to a tiny single-track dead-end road. Deliveries cannot take place at the back of this building, as they will obstruct access and damage our external walls our fences.". Obstruction of Church Lane has started to happen, with a delivery van blocking the lane part of the weekend, obstructing N°4 Rockingham Villas cellar windows and restricting the footpath to High Street. We are happy to provide photographic evidence to support this statement.

4) Discrepancy between the proposed planning application and the work conducted to date.

The discrepancy between the proposal (drawing ref 230611-04) and the reality is illustrated in **Figure 3**.



Figure 3: Proposal versus Reality

We would like to reiterate that, as members of the Newmarket community since 2008, we are fully supportive of our town development and are promoting Newmarket at local and international levels, through our professional activities. However, we are objecting the proposed planning application due to its impact on our life and property (as stated in our first comments to the application). The current development is even more impactful and detrimental to us, and we are astonished that so much has been allowed to happen despite all comments raised and the application not being approved at this stage. **Figure 4** illustrates the proximity of these compressor units to our property (photo taken from our kitchen) and you will hopefully appreciate the reasons for our deep concerns.

We remain available to meet with you if you would like to assess the situation *in situ*.

Yours sincerely



Figure 4: View of the compressor units from our kitchen door.