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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

DECISION NOTICE

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Applicant:

Smart Gadgets Store Ltd

PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application: 26/00729/LBC
Proposal: Installation of front elevation roller shutter door.
Location: 14 High Street, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9AG,

In pursuance of its powers under the above Act and the associated Orders and Regulations, the Council hereby **REFUSE LISTED BUILDING CONSENT** to the works described above and proposed by you in your application received with sufficient particulars on 27 March 2026.

The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse Listed Building Consent are:

1. Nos. 14 & 16 are grade II listed with an C18 red brick front and C19 altered shopfront and are located within the Royston Conservation Area. The building forms part of a collective group, yet individually these buildings are significant in terms of their history and differing architectural styles. When the roller shutter is lowered it will fill the entirety

of the shop front, covering the shop frontage including its display windows and infilling the recessed shop doorway, creating a largely obscured, flat, semi-industrial appearance to the frontage of the shop. It would not preserve the character and appearance of the RCA or the setting of adjacent listed buildings. Whilst the roller shutter would only be down outside of opening hours when footfall may be less, this does not negate the harm caused. The incongruity of the shutter within this historic centre would cause a low level of less than substantial harm to the listed building's special character and to the character and appearance of the RCA. The proposal fails to satisfy the provisions of Sections 16(2) and 72(1) (both) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and the aims of para 135(c) and Section 16 of the NPPF and Policy HE1 of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011- 2031.

Signed:



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Date: 27 July 2026

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NOTES

- 1 If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals must be made using a form which you can get from the Planning Inspectorate at Suite C, 4th Floor, Spectrum Building, Bond Street, Bristol, BS1 3LG or online at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely

because the local planning authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

Purchase Notices

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.