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To: Jane Tucker

Subject: Comments on application 3/2012/0074 - Victoria Hotel, Clitheroe

Thank you for consulting the Victorian Society on this application. We would deeply regret this building no longer being used as a pub, which would inevitably damage its significance, a large part of which is due to its status as a Clitheroe social facility with a long history. You should only grant consent for change of use if reuse as a pub is clearly impossible.

If consent is granted for the change of use, the entrance door to the proposed flats on King Street should be moved to the central of the three openings. There was clearly a central door there historically and it would be damaging to the architecture to insert one in any other position in what was designed as a symmetrical building. We would also like the proposed suspended ceiling in the shop to be omitted; this is not a suitable ceiling treatment for a listed building and would spoil the proportions of the ground floor. Access should continue to be provided to the cellar of the building; this should not be filled in and access will be necessary for maintenance even if the current owners do not wish to use the space.

I would be grateful if you could inform us of your decision in due course.

Kind regards,

Chris Costelloe

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