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27 October 1998

Dear Sir

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 82

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT INSTALLATION OF LANTERNS AND ASSOCIATED BRACKETS AND CABLES 27 TO 109 HIGH STREET AND 27 TO 29 QUEENSWAY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions to refer to your Council's applications for listed building consent (nos. 4/1874/97 BLB and 4/1915/97 BLB) to install lanterns and associated brackets and cables at 27 to 109 High Street and 27 to 29 Queensway, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. The applications were made in accordance with the provisions of Section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

In its letter dated 13 August 1998, the Government Office stated that it shared English Heritage's concern, indicated in their letter to your Council dated 19 January and 5 March 1998, about the fixings of lights to the walls of the Town Hall and 48 High Street. Your Council and English Heritage were invited to meet together to discuss this aspect of the proposal. In your faxed letter of 26 October 1998, you said that at a meeting with English Heritage on 22 September, it was agreed that the most appropriate way forward to address English Heritage's concerns was for those aspects of the applications to be excluded from the lighting scheme. The excluded elements might be the subject of a separate application. The Secretary of State has taken this to be a formal amendment to application no. 4/1874/97 BLB and has determined it on that basis.

The information submitted with the Council's application has been considered. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the light fixture and fittings are acceptable in so far as the character of the buildings of special architectural or historic interest at 27 to 109 High Street and 27 to 29 Queensway, Hemel Hempstead, excluding the Town Hall and 48 High Street, are concerned. Accordingly he hereby grants listed building consent to carry out the installation of lanterns and associated brackets and cables at 27 to 109 High Street and 27 to 29 Queensway, Hemel Hempstead, as amended by the Council's letter of October 1998 to exclude the works to the Town Hall and 48 High Street, as referred to in application numbers 4/1875/97 BLB and 4/1915/97 BLB dated 21 April 1998, and as shown on the accompanying drawings numbered SL/2858 (sheet 2 - 7, 9 -12, 14 - 19, 21 - 25, 27 - 28, 31 - 37, 39 - 40, 51), S/SL/3000 and one unnumbered drawing, subject to the condition that the works hereby permitted shall be begun within 5 years from the date of this letter.

This letter does not convey any approval or consent required under any enactment, bye-law, order or regulation, other than Sections 8 and 60 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Yours faithfully

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