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Dear Ms Bearcroft

RE: 20-24 Cross Church Street, Huddersfield (Grade II, C19); application for the extension of the Kingsgate Shopping Centre and the partial demolition of listed buildings

Our ref: 2015/01/017

Thank you for your email of 11 November informing us of the amended plans for the proposed Kingsgate Shopping Centre extension. The proposal to retain more of the historic fabric of the listed buildings at 20-22 Cross Church Street is of course welcomed, although we echo Historic England's concern at the apparent lack of access provided to their upper floors, and the obvious need to resolve this issue.

Despite the evident improvements, however, we maintain our objection to the application on two principal grounds: firstly, the proposed canopy and totem waymarkers, which we have consistently recommended are omitted from the scheme, remain a part of the proposals. For the reasons outlined in my previous letter (a copy of which is attached) we object to this damaging aspect of the proposals.

We also remain unconvinced by the architectural treatment of the new entrance proposed through 20-22 Cross Church Street. While we recognise that the provision of suitable access to the shopping centre poses challenges in respect of the listed buildings' character and appearance, it should be by no means impossible to settle on a appropriate solution. A more sensitive and refined design should be sought, one that pays greater respect to the special interest of these nationally important buildings and the surrounding conservation area.

Yours sincerely

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