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01/08/2025

Dear Jillian Rann,

George Hotel, St George's Square, Huddersfield, HD1 1JA

Ref: 2025/65/91148/W

The Twentieth Century Society is the National Amenity Society charged with the protection and appreciation of post-1914 heritage. We have been notified of a Listed Building Consent application for *refurbishment and redevelopment of the George Hotel (including partial demolition, partial reconstruction, extension and internal and external works and alterations) to provide a 108-bedroom hotel with bar, restaurant, gym, conference facilities and ancillary facilities* for the Grade II* listed George Hotel in Huddersfield. The Society would like to withdraw our objection to the scheme, as laid out in our letter of 27/05/2025.

Policy

The **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF**; 2024**)** states at **Paragraph 202:**

202. *Heritage assets range from sites and buildings of local historic value to those of the highest significance, such as World Heritage Sites which are internationally recognised to be of Outstanding Universal Value. These assets are an irreplaceable resource, and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations.*

The Society's Assessment

We objected to the proposals in our previous letter out of concern for the loss of high-quality twentieth century fabric. Following this letter I met with the planning agent and applicant lead to discuss their response to our comments. It was made clear in this meeting that the areas that we have noted as being of significance – the lobby, dining room, and ballroom – had been substantially altered for fire remediation works in the 1970s or 1980s, with existing features facsimile replicas of the 1930s fabric. Provided that this is the case, we do not object to the loss of these features in these areas. As such, we retract our objection to this application. We support the retention of the

scagliola columns, skirting, and cornice in the lobby areas. We support the retention of the existing lobby tiles wherever possible, whether original or 1980s facsimile, and other original 1930s fabric.

In our previous letter we objected to the demolition of Block C given the lack of structural information justifying the demolition. In our meeting justification was provided for the demolition of Block C. We continue to defer to the Victorian Society, and to SAVE Britain's Heritage, to assess the suitability of the replacement block on the surrounding listed buildings and conservation area.

Yours sincerely,

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Remit: The Twentieth Century Society was founded in 1979 and is the national amenity society concerned with the protection, appreciation, and study of post-1914 architecture, townscape and design. The Society is acknowledged in national planning guidance as the key organisation concerned with the modern period and is a constituent member of the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies. Under the procedures set out in the *Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications – Notification to Historic England and National Amenity Societies and the Secretary of State (England) Direction 2021*, all English local planning authorities must inform the Twentieth Century Society when an application for listed building consent involving partial or total demolition is received, and they must notify us of the decisions taken on these applications.