



On behalf of Huddersfield Civic Society.

Huddersfield civic society wish to object to the particular detail in this latest application to install a false ceiling on the ground floor level intended to cover/obscure a grand possibly Victorian moulded ceiling.

The "planning and heritage statement concedes that the ceiling in question has the following :- "A coffered structure sectioned into eight squares. Six of these divisions feature highly decorative coving in several layers with floral patterns to the recesses. In each coffer there is a central ceiling rose decorated in blue. Where the divisional lines of each coffer converge there is a circular extrusion detail"

It would seem more appropriate to leave this feature visible, and in fact a feature that could be highlighted by the ultimate tenant.

Paragraph 208 of the NPPF sets out that 'local planning authorities should identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset that may be affected by a proposal. They should take this into account when considering the impact of a proposal on a heritage asset, to avoid or minimise any conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the proposal'. 27. The Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP35 describing Historic Environment states: "Development proposals affecting a designated heritage asset should preserve or enhance the significance of the asset."

On a separate application we notice a requirement for large illuminated signage which we would also like to object to.

There seems to be an acceptance that signs of this nature are acceptable within the town centre Conservation area, when Calderdale council have adopted a more encouraging stance :-

"The proposed aluminium and acrylic illuminated fascia sign and aluminium and acrylic illuminated hanging sign by reason of their design, style, material and method of illumination would form a most discordant and intrusive feature on the listed building harming its significance through degradation of character and appearance, and adversely affecting the wider conservation area and in which the site is located."

"No clear and convincing justification or public benefits have been demonstrated to outweigh the harm caused."