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Planning and Development Services
High Peak Borough Council
Municipal Buildings
Glossop SK13 8AF

Dear Sirs

Re: 7 High Street West, Glossop SK13 8AL (former Cohen's Chemists)
Application for listed buildings consent for alteration – removal of Ducal Warrant and crest.

This letter explains the background to the enclosed application.

It is not certain when or why the Ducal Warrant and crest was first placed over 7 High Street West, but it is presumed that it dates back to the period between 1840 and 1868 when the pharmacy business in the premises was owned by Thomas Wreaks, who described himself as "Chemist to His Grace the Duke of Norfolk." The Duke appears subsequently to have given his permission for the warrant to be retained by the subsequent owners of the business, and most recently consented to its transfer when ownership passed in 2006 from Finlay McKinlay to Cohen's Chemists.

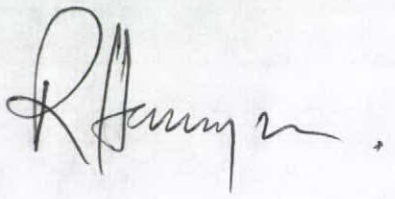
However, Cohen's have now moved the business to new premises, and the Duke's view is that there is little relevance in the warrant continuing to be attached to no 7 now that the connection with the original pharmacy has been lost. As and when a new business of a different kind becomes established in the shop, it would clearly be inappropriate for it to be able to claim to be operating "by appointment to the Duke of Norfolk."

The Duke has therefore placed the warrant in the custody of the Trust, of which he is Patron, with the request that a suitable site be found for it, preferably on or in one of the buildings in the centre of Glossop with associations with the Howard family.

The owner of the property, Lynstock Properties Ltd, and Cohens Property Group the lessee, have confirmed in writing that they have no objection to the proposed action.

The Trust is now concerned that it should be removed as quickly as possible, both for safe-keeping in view of the uncertainty about the future of the building, and also because its condition is deteriorating due to lack of regular cleaning and maintenance. It has not been fully stripped and repainted since 1965 and the Trust intends to apply for a grant to restore it to its original condition prior to relocation.

Yours faithfully



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