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Dear Sir/Madam
I hope you are well.

The Victorian Society raises concerns over the proposed extension and café space for the library and neighbouring Council Offices at Cleator Moor (4/23/2253/OL1).

The library, built in 1906, is a Grade II-listed building meaning that it is recognised for its national significance and special interest. The building is in a Classical style, common for public buildings of the early C20th.

The application involves the removal of historic material and will impact the setting of three, potentially four, listed buildings in the immediate area. The Victorian Society accepts careful and considered alteration to listed buildings, so long as those alterations are sympathetic and appropriate to the setting and character.

Our main concern is the impact that the proposed design will have on the buildings and their setting. The architectural language of the extension is not sympathetic to the wider context and character of the streetscape and would risk harming the setting of a listed building. We recommend that the material palette and design of the extension is readdressed to lessen this impact and ensure that the extension sits cleanly on the side of the building.

Our second concern is the removal of historic fabric, which will harm the significance of a listed building. If your Authority is confident that the proposed public benefits outweigh this harm and that this application has '*clear and convincing justification*' (NPPF 2024, paras. 212-215) - and therefore is minded to grant permission for this application - then the Society recommends that a detailed recording of the building (around a Level 2, as described by Historic England) would be of benefit.

I apologise for the delay in getting these comments to you.

Thank you
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