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Dear Sarah Papaleo
I hope you are well.

Thank you for consulting the Victorian Society on this case. Having reviewed the application, we **object** to these plans in their current form.

5 Duke Street is a Grade II-listed building, meaning that it is recognised for its national significance and special interest. A former Co-Operative building, 5 Duke Street has a striking and characterful façade with Classical features.

This application seeks permission for internal works to create a larger restaurant area. The Victorian Society accepts the careful and considered alteration of listed buildings, especially when any potential harm to that building's significance has been identified and reduced to an absolute minimum.

This application has not been accompanied by an adequate Heritage Impact Assessment, and as such has not fulfilled the critical '*clear and convincing justification*' that is required by the National Planning Policy Framework (2024, paras. 212-215).

We request that amendments be made to the application to ensure that the full scope of potential harm is made known and mitigated against. We highlight that a building's listing covers not only the exterior of the building, but the interior also. In this instance, we stress that alterations to the interior of this building will impact its significance, and potentially cause harm; this must be identified and mitigated before this application is considered for approval.

If you could keep the Society informed of your decision in due course, I would be very grateful.

Thank you
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