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Dear Sarah Papaleo
I hope you are well.

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

22 Lowther Street is a Grade II-listed building, meaning that it has been recognised for its national significance and special interest. We highlight that as a Grade II-listed building, any application for alteration at 22 Lowther Street must be accompanied by an adequate heritage impact assessment in which *'The level of detail should be proportionate to the assets' importance'* (National Planning Policy Framework 2024, para. 207). We express our concern at the current impact assessment, which does not fulfil this criterion.

We strongly urge that an updated and detailed heritage impact assessment which fully explores the impact of these proposed works is provided. The removal of historic fabric, which does appear in the provided plans to be potentially older than the C19th, will cause harm to this nationally significant building.

As a Society, we recommend that the applicants look not only at the Historic England list description, but also other sources such as: your Authority's Historic Environment Record; the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments of England volume for Cumbria; Pevsner's Buildings of England series. At present, we are concerned that the full significance of this building has not been understood.

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

Thank you
Thomas Ollivier



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