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Head of Planning
Wiltshire Council
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
Wiltshire

Dear Sir

Opening-up Work to an Historic Building – George Hotel, High Street, Amesbury.

We have submitted the accompanying listed building application to undertake opening-up work to parts of this grade II building to determine the extent of two areas of defect that have recently arisen within the internal structure of the hotel. These problems are set out within the accompanying planning support statement and the associated plans and drawing that form part of this application.

On behalf of Coaching Inns Group, the owners of the hotel, we ask if this submission can be considered as the first part of a rolling application to enable the remedial work to run from this initial phase through to completion of the repairs. This will help ensure the most effective means of working for the approval of the designs for this work and to correct the faults and so reduce the length of time when sections of the hotel, both in terms of public areas and letting rooms, need to be taken out of use with the accompanying loss of revenue.

It is envisaged that the two sections of work, as and when approved, will be carried out as separate operations so as to avoid too much disturbance to the running of the hotel's business at any one time, but there will still be disruption to its trading. The remedial work to the bar beam and wall above will mean closing quite a large section of the bar and also the main entrance from there in to the dining room, as well as at least one bedroom on the floor above. With the additional structural support that is likely to be needed up through the building to repair the main rear post and associated historic timber framing there will be a loss of the use of between 4 and 6 bedroom during this time as escape routes will be obstructed.

If possible we would welcome the opportunity to meet with appropriate officers from your department as part of the early processing of this application to try and ensure that all the relevant information they might need for consideration of this work is available to them.

Yours faithfully

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