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Dear Sir/Madam

Tavistock Guildhall Gateway Centre – Round 2 Application for Funding

On behalf of Tavistock Town Council I am pleased to write in support of the above bid for Round 2 Funding and enclose a copy of the authorising Minute from the July Meeting of Council.

You will be aware that some specific questions have been raised at periodic review meetings for the project and, to that end, I can also clarify that:-

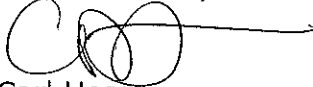
- a. In submitting the bid the Council is offering to underwrite the non-grant funded costs of delivering the Scheme;
- b. We have received an estimate of the rental value of the premises if let (not a full repairing lease in view of the age and heritage value of the premises). From this either an 'in kind' benefit to Tavistock Heritage Trust (or foregone income to the Council) may be derived. This is £14,600pa for the former Police Station and £9,000pa for Trowtes House/Guildhall.
- c. Because of the necessary relationship between this project and the Townscape Heritage Initiative it is proposed to vary the program of the latter to better align to works on the Guildhall. Early indications from HLF at Monitor meetings have been that this could be a preference provided that the Guildhall Car Park Public Realm Works were undertaken within a matter of months of the scheduled end of the THI Scheme (after completion of the main works to the Guildhall) and subject to a clear separation of the monies attaching to both. This would be facilitated by joint procurement overseen by the Guildhall Project Design Team with associated benefits around cost and co-ordination.

Additionally by undertaking works in this order it would be possible to avoid significant heavy vehicle/delivery movements over a newly laid car park area thereby ensuring that, in accordance with the consultations previously undertaken, the new surfacing provided by the THI Public Realm Proposals for that area are best placed to deliver maximum benefit.

On behalf of the Council once again thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Should you require further or other information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Carl Hearn

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