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Dear Mark

Thank you for your email dated 29 April 2025.

You do not address your lack of communication following specific requests for dialogue from Councillor Hughes.

We do not agree with your assertion that the site needs to be redeveloped in order to meet the requirements to bring the shops up to new environmental standards. It is understood this may be convenient for you but clearly one is not dependent on the other.

Your comments regarding the leases are noted. We are in dialogue with all businesses in Hersham and we can see what is happening on the ground, which is of great concern. We see shops vacating. We see a visible deterioration in the fabric. We also take issue with your view that the fault lies with the planning refusal, rather the issues are arising because your application was inappropriate.

Your reference to social media misinformation is unjustified, indeed grossly misplaced. Your view is certainly at odds with our meticulous and verifiable campaign resulting in a detailed 100 page report and nearly 3,000 objections, followed by a planning officer recommendation to refuse and a unanimous rejection by the full planning committee. You have not appealed that decision.

In these circumstances the onus is on you to make contact. If there are some matters that are confidential, we have already stated that this is understood, but unless you communicate directly with Hersham it is not possible for us to be positive about your future intentions.

Yours sincerely

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