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Dear Mr Dalby,

Planning application DM/19/02734/FPA | Installation of illuminated artwork to the South Elevation | Clayport Library 8 Millennium Place Durham DH1 1WA

At its meeting held on September 13th 2019, the Council's Planning Committee welcomed the proposal in principle. However, detailed discussion of Section 5 - Impact on Significance and Justification, raised the following points:

1. There is confusion on what the sign will say. The text on Pages 15 and 17 in the heritage statement are different.
2. Concern was expressed about the impact of the signage on the tower, itself specifically designed to represent the historic defensive boundary at the Clayport Gate entry to the City. It does not need 'enlivening' as suggested on p16.
3. In design terms it was felt that lower case lettering would appear less overbearing and formal and be more representative of the personal circumstances of those involved in its creation.
4. The argument for the location of the sign attracting people from the Market Place to cross the road bridge to Lower Claypath is not accepted. Visitor foot flow is largely in the opposite direction, from Walkergate to the city centre.
5. There is no mention of any interpretation panel to accompany the artwork which would add to its interest and impact. One would not be possible in its current proposed location.

Members resolved that:

- 1 the project itself has much to commend it.
- 2 the wording, font and associated information panel matters need to be refined
- 3 the location of the installation (already stated to be easily removable) be agreed on a temporary basis.

Subject to (3) above the Committee would not object to the application.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Shanley
Parish Clerk