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Dear Lis

Just to recap on our meeting the other day with the points I raised which I consider quite important. Personally I see no reason why all the buildings between the old Lloyds Bank and the hotel should not be listed. That row is all of a piece, all about the same time period and with no apparent distinction between them.

I am even more keen that Altrincham Town Hall should be listed.. It's in a prominent and important location, and it is a vital part of our history and heritage. Moreover, although I've had personal assurances from both Matt Colledge and Sean Anstey that despite its lack of usage and expense, it is in absolutely no danger of being disposed of, I well remember that in 2002, the then Deputy Leader casually announced at a Neighbourhood Forum meeting that they were thinking of demolishing the ATH in favour of a car park!

It took me personally several months work to persuade the Council that this would be a crime against our heritage and I arranged for all the history/heritage organisations in the area to join my campaign. However there is no guarantee that it would continue to be safe under a new administration, which makes it all the more important that it should be listed. I've tried in the past, as has Dr Don Baylis, the then Chairman of the History Society but without success. I would hope that with the support of the Council, we can be more successful this time round.

A small point that I mentioned is that the Hotel in Old Market Place was originally built by the 2nd Earl of Warrington in about 1690 and was radically extended in the middle of the C19 as the Town Hall.

Many thanks for your time and friendly cooperation.

David