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11th February 2019

Dear Mr Lynn,

Planning Application and Demolition Order Ref: BR/191/18/PL - URGENT

As you know we are very concerned about the impending demolition of 2-4 Waterloo Square in Bognor Regis.

The plight of these buildings was drawn to our attention by local councillors concerned to find a way of conserving these two houses. I have had some direct involvement in Bognor. I am a longstanding director of the Railway Heritage Trust. The Trust gave a grant towards the restoration the town's railway station, and I did the honours at a ceremony when it was complete.

Seaside resorts are now on the way up again along the south coast, and as you are aware, the Government has recently made £40m available to Historic England to improve historic high streets.

These buildings are in a conservation area which your council designated and on your own register of Buildings with Special Character.

We are deeply concerned that you have not followed normal procedures for obtaining conservation consent but realise your Demolition Order comes into operation on Tuesday.

Since you will now shortly have the Order it seems reasonable for us to ask for ten days grace to allow SAVE to send an experienced structural engineer, as we have offered to do, at our own expense, to assess means of safeguarding the structure and preventing unauthorised access.

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I make this plea not only on behalf of SAVE Britain's Heritage but of local citizens who love their town and are distressed at the continuing erosion of its architectural character. Regis is a rare accolade and implies special Royal recognition of the character of a place. Bognor has lost too much its heritage including alas Craigweil House where the King stayed. It is at a point where further loss of historic buildings will destroy the cohesion and character of the town.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Binney
SAVE Executive President

CC: Nat Slade, Group Head of Technical Services, Arun District Council
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