



Façade 43 Biggin Street

application sought standard UPVC windows. We expressed concern that standard UPVC was unsuitable and

materials should match the original bay windows that had been removed. DDC gave consent for replacement windows to be as per the original. It was therefore most alarming that Graham, in town late May, noticed standard UPVC windows being installed. The DDC Head of Planning and DDC Senior Enforcement Officer were informed and immediately responded, confirming they are currently in contact with developer who claims the UPVC widows are “temporary”. We have expressed our concern that the windows will not be temporary, and Head of Planning has also expressed this concern to Enforcement. We watch this issue with interest.

Town Hall Refurbishment Project update

Derek Leach

I am very pleased to say that following a vast amount of detailed work over the last 18 months the required report to the National Heritage Lottery Fund, totalling 1800 pages, was submitted before 1 June deadline. We should hear whether we have been successful in securing the major grant sometime in October. At long last this would allow the refurbishment work to begin in earnest once contractors are appointed. It is expected that the Town Hall would have to be closed from September 2021 for up to two years.

As you know, The Dover Society has been involved as a partner with Dover District Council and Dover Town Council since the project was first mooted in 2010. As a partner we have pledged £10,000 toward the cost and our Town Hall Fund has met this target. Income from the guided tours organised throughout this time with Society and Dover Greeters volunteers has made a substantial contribution to our

Town Hall Fund as well as making Doverians and visitors to the town more aware of this fantastic building and its 800 years of history. Now we wait patiently and hopefully to start the next phase in its long life.



Connaught Hall Impression – West Wall 2019