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Planning & Development,
For the attention of Aisling O'Driscoll,
Harrogate Borough Council,
P.O.Box 787,
Harrogate.

Dear Madam,

Planning Application 18/01217/FUL
21, Westmorland Street, Harrogate

We cannot agree that the shopfront at the above premises should be changed.

The style of shopfront as existing appears to be of an historic design and it would be very damaging to the conservation area to replace it with an ordinary modern shopfront or indeed any modern shopfront.

Other examples of the historic style of framing on this property can be seen nearby. There are two shops on the same side of the road, one on the opposite side and the handsome café premises on the corner of Westmorland Street and Mowbray Square. If one turns right into Regent Parade, further examples of this type of framing can be seen. These buildings on Regent Parade are not only in the conservation area but are listed.

Although it is difficult to know, the shopfront at No.21 Westmorland Street may be one of the most original of the design, perhaps dating back to the Regency or Victorian Periods. Some give the appearance that they may have been restored. There should be no weight given to the fact that many shopfronts in Westmorland Street have been replaced with other and modern designs. It is vital to retain the minority of original ones that still exist.

There is no doubt in our opinion that retention of the existing shopfront is important for the Harrogate conservation area and the above application to insert a modern shopfront should be refused.

Yours faithfully,

Henry Pankhurst
Chairman
Harrogate Civic Society