

# **Covering Letter**

## **Listed Building Consent application**

HAMPTON & VOÚIS  
31 Princess Street  
Manchester  
M2 4EW

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To whom it may concern,

We are applying for listed building consent for Retail Unit 1, on the ground floor of 31 Princess Street.

Our coffee shop, HAMPTON & VOÚIS has been on the premises since 2018. We recently completed a rebrand, and therefore we are requesting permission to repaint the existing aluminium shop front.

The current paint colour of the shop front is a medium grey, to be repainted with a beige shade (RAL 1014) to reflect our branding.

On 16th October we met with planning officer Jack Naven and have since further liaised with the City Council's Planning Department, and with the Urban Design and Heritage Team who have signed off on the works in principle. The advice given was that the proposed shade would have a neutral effect on the building's heritage.

Below is a brief summary of the building heritage.

We hope this letter and the application submitted are to your satisfaction.

Yours faithfully

Nikolaos Vouis  
Nicky Hampton

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## Building Heritage

In the mid-1800s, the vicinity of the application site had a very similar street pattern to today but the major difference was that this was before the Town Hall was constructed in 1877. Instead, what is now the site of the Town Hall contained the City's Fire Engine and Scavenging Department replete with stables on an unusual triangular-shaped site.

The application site itself was already developed by this time, however, the building shape had a slightly different footprint to that of the present day, containing a rear entrance and two adjacent rear alleys. Subsequent mapping shows a change of layout that reflects the present-day arrangements, indicating that a replacement building was erected in the late 1800's.

Mapping evidence from 1896 shows the current footprint of the building with the enclosed entrance hall that remains today.

A detailed report is on file with Manchester City Council and can be located at this link

[https://pa.manchester.gov.uk/online-applications/files/6ED51766F53D8618E3EC7FE1F1991A2E/pdf/111311\\_FO\\_2016\\_C1--392616.pdf](https://pa.manchester.gov.uk/online-applications/files/6ED51766F53D8618E3EC7FE1F1991A2E/pdf/111311_FO_2016_C1--392616.pdf)