



2 July 2019

Carol Harris
Town Clerk
Battle Town Council

Dear Carol

Museum lease

As Trustees of Battle Museum we are responsible on its behalf for matters concerning the lease by the Council to the Museum. This letter takes further the matters raised in my letter to you of 20 May. The importance of an early decision arises from the unwillingness of funding bodies to aid the Museum when the current lease has but a short time to run, as explained in that letter. For clarity, the current lease is that signed 14th March 2003

We understand that the matter of the lease will be raised at the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 23 July. If so then we propose that:

- 1 the lease be extended for a further 25 years from its expiry on 31 March 2027.
- 2 the conditions of the lease should remain as at present except that it should clarify the length of notice to be given should either party wish to terminate it before the date of expiry. The Museum would need a considerable time for the disposal of its holdings, and our estimate is that this might well take a year. We propose therefore that notice of termination should be one year, applicable in the last five years.

As the letter of 20 May states, the Museum would bear all legal costs for the above, for both parties.

Depending on the plans for the Almonry, there will be further and later proposals for discussion, initially on an informal basis, about how both parties can co-operate well on publicity, signage and other matters.

Yours sincerely

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