

Item 11 App 1 Development Committee 5 June 2024
Condition of the Town Hall and Buildings in the Centre of Town

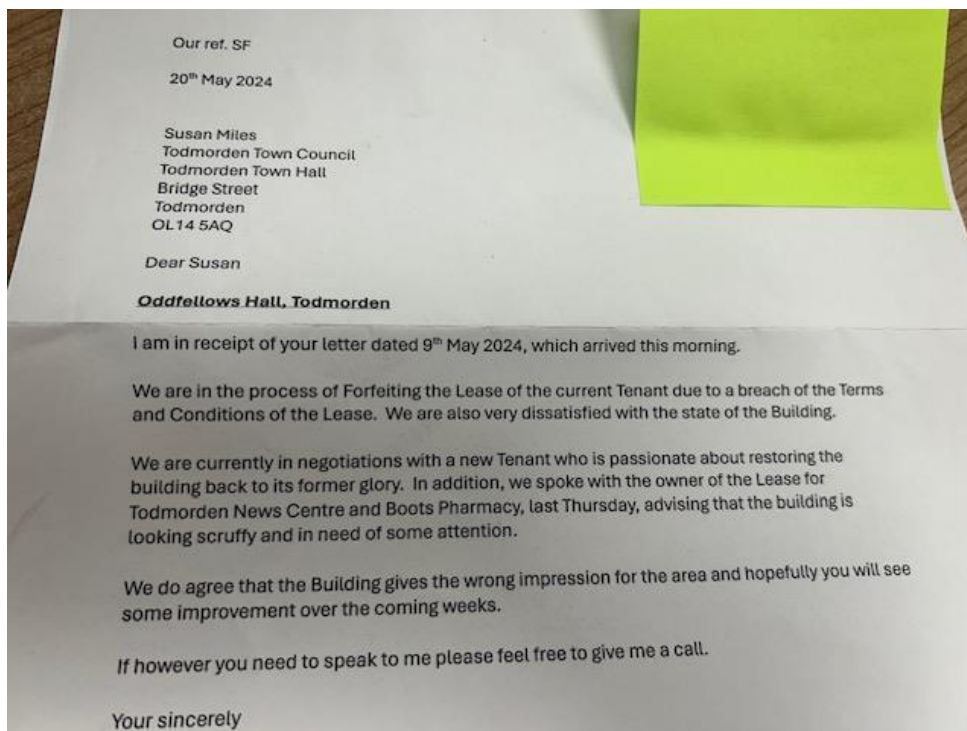
Additional responses received from Calderdale Council about the Town Hall and the owners of Oddfellows Building are below:

‘The pigeon deterrent has been installed and all the high level stonework has been checked and any loose sections removed. Since installation there appears to be significantly fewer pigeons on the building. We will review the situation over the coming weeks and target further areas as required.

The northerly aspect of the apse end of the building combined with recent wet mild winters and the pigeon guano will have exacerbated the algae (not mould) growth. The reduced pigeon numbers and the removal of a significant amount of guano should help reduce the algae growth. Complete removal will require specialist cleaning techniques and require the whole building to be done to prevent colour differentials. These works are likely to be in the order of tens of thousands of pounds and there is no guarantee that the algae will not return with 12 to 18 months

During the inspection a number of defects were identified that are causing wetting of the stonework at high level. Works to rectify these issues will be included in the Town Deal project along with areas of external decoration currently required.

In an ideal world we would like every corporate building to have a regular programme of preventative maintenance, however the reality of a world where we have significant budget pressures this is just not possible. We do acknowledge the Town Halls grade 1 listed status and will use our best endeavours using the limited budget we have to maintain it going forward’.



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30 May 2024