

From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Lisa Walkden
Sent: Thursday, 20 December 2018 6:55 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Lisa Walkden

Comment

I was surprised to see recently that there was no longer a pharmacy and that this iconic corner of Launceston was vacant.

The early 1900 facade with the hand made lead light glass stating that the pharmacy was once Hatton and Laws is a historical link back to the past.

it's very attractive as it's beautifully designed and has been a feature of our city for over 100 years this is one of the few intact shop fronts in Launceston and must be preserved as a example of what our city once look like.

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From: Pip Kennedy
Sent: Friday, 21 December 2018 2:22 AM
To: Contact Us
Subject: DA0698/2018
Attachments: image1.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

To the General Manager,

Just loading a concern over the proposed changing of the store front for a Michael Hills store in Launceston.



Figure 5: Proposed Shopfront Perspective

From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Allan Miller
Sent: Friday, 21 December 2018 9:22 AM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Allan Miller

Comment

My message to the applicant, via their website;

seems to sum it up.

Hi - I have recently discovered that you are intending to open a store in Launceston, Tas ?

I saw your plans for the original Hatton & Laws facade and was totally amazed that you intend to remove it.

In Launceston this kind of heritage is looked upon as intrinsic to the city - unlike larger places where this kind of valuable history has already largely been lost. While the current council is not great with heritage, I would expect quite a public backlash if these plans are made too public. Locals are quite attached to their historic buildings !

Do you have any plan Bs that dont include the ruining of the facade ?

Please feel free to contact me, or ask for any other info.

Here is a link to the proposal - which I am sure you will agree is very brutal indeed !

<https://onlineservice.launceston.tas.gov.au/eProperty/Publicnotices/398139/Advertised%20Plans.pdf>

Cheers,
Allan

From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Allan Miller
Sent: Friday, 21 December 2018 3:27 PM
To: Council
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For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Allan Miller

Comment

And the reply from Michael Hill (for anyone interested) doesn't seem to show that they are very interested in compromise. I am not sure that he is entirely correct re window replacements etc either, but I will leave it to someone much more qualified than I am to tell him so.

Interesting that he seems to think that the Mall upgrade (which no doubt will be replaced again in a couple of short decades) has set the precedent regarding the replacement of heritage with modern architecture too.

Hi Allan,

I have been sent your email from our online team and appreciate your interest in our newest store coming to Launceston.

You are correct in that we are opening soon, in fact, preliminary site works have already started which is very exciting for us.

I can understand your concerns around the heritage nature of the site, we have recently completed a refurbishment on a building in George St, Sydney that was built in the 1800's with every heritage overlay imaginable, we embraced that with our designs which ended with a wonderful result for both Michael Hill and the City of Sydney.

This particular tenancy currently doesn't have any heritage overlays and from what we have been advised by the building owners, the under awning stained glass windows and curved glass façade have all been replaced and are not original. With this in mind and given surrounding recent tenancy fitouts and design we have opted for the store design you have seen on the council planning website.

Having said that, our designer recognised that the above awning façade on not just our building but also the surrounding buildings were as you say intrinsic to the look of the downtown area and has opted to remain sympathetic to the surrounding sites by not altering that in any way.

We feel that with the upper façade remaining, this will embrace the local area feel while the proposed under awning works will tie in with surrounding newer tenancies and also the recently completed modern upgrades to the Brisbane St mall directly opposite.

As you can imagine, balancing both modern fitouts with older elements can be tricky but we all believe we have successfully fulfilled the brief on this site.

We look forward to having our first ever store in Launceston and sharing some of our history and products with the Launceston residents.

Thanks Allen.

Regards,

Brett Lancelot
Manager – Projects & Design

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From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Anne Clifton
Sent: Friday, 21 December 2018 11:08 AM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Anne Clifton

Comment

The unique charm of Launceston is that it missed out on mass modernisation over the ages. This lovely building is special because of its corner position, curved glass frontage and leadlights typical of an era.

It would be a shame to allow a ubiquitous 'outlet' frontage to replace/remove these features. I understand this business has a brand to convey. It seems as though its 300 other locations can adapt to its surrounds - why can't the architects make its 'Launnie' features part of their branding?

Launceston is not like other towns. Nor do we need to be. We have character. Let us keep it, let us enhance it - not white it out with a corporate/bank like blank.

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From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Jarad Murray
Sent: Friday, 21 December 2018 1:42 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Jarad Murray

Comment

As an immigrant to Launceston one of it's real charms is the character of the streetscape, especially around the CBD. Under no circumstances should the original facade of this shop front be allowed to be removed. The curved glass frontage and leadlight is of an era and should be SOOO easy to integrate into the design of any new shop. If anything, it will add to the facade.

The council should seriously consider protecting the remaining original shop fronts to retain as much character in the city as possible. Is it possible to heritage list the facade of this building?

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From: Robin Verhoeff
Sent: Sunday, 23 December 2018 10:03 AM
To: Contact Us
Subject: Application Objection

Hello,

I am writing this email in the hopes that the Launceston City Council will see reason in considering the recent development application for the complete destruction of a prominent heritage shopfront in the city centre area.

Having been over the application, there is no doubt in the least as to what is happening to the historic shopfront which as detailed will be entirely removed leaving nothing original. The former Hatton & Laws Pharmacy has been an iconic element of the city centre for nearly a century and boasts not only one of an incredibly small number of surviving heritage shopfronts in the city, but also among one of the finest with full tiling, moulded metal frames and an exquisite stained glass upper portion which along with Edwardian floral patterns, bears the name of the building's original owner and thus forms a direct connection to the building's history. Where most of the city's commercial tenancies support shopfronts built post-1950's and are of little concern if upgraded or renovated, the surviving pre-1940's period shopfronts are rare and precious within the city, especially ones of such quality, preservation level and prominence.

While the rest of the internal works and awning works are of no issue, the developer must be made to respect the original shopfront and find a way to work with it rather than mindlessly destroying a cherished and iconic piece of the city's history for little more than company branding. When obtaining property for a new development, it is in the responsibility of all developers to design with respect to setting, cultural and historic context and the interests of the community. There are hundreds of commercial properties in the city with low-value shopfronts that the developer could have bought and renovated with little or no issue at all but instead chose to obtain one of the most iconic heritage shopfronts in the city and proceed to apply to destroy it. Surely the council must see reason on this and stand to protect the built treasures that give Launceston its value. This is a small city and cannot afford to destroy what little it has, there must be changes made to retain this precious historic artefact and work around it rather than senselessly send a century of Launcestonian history to landfill.

Sincerely,
Robin Verhoeff

From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Marion Sargent
Sent: Monday, 24 December 2018 12:49 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Marion Sargent

Comment

I am disappointed that the DA for this site was not released until after building works started. I am appalled that the beautiful and unique stained glass windows and tiles are not to be retained. I would like to know when the glass was supposed to have been replaced? Even if it is not the original 1927 glass it still has a place in Launceston's history as a reminder that the corner was once the oldest continuously operating chemist shop in Australia. A chemist had been on that site since 1848, but the business was older than that. If it was possible to incorporate the heritage values of your building in Sydney, why not here? There are so few examples left: Chung Gon, F&W Stewart and The Umbrella Shop (partly replaced but still important). We do care about our history and unique character. We don't need to look like every other city. Tourists and locals alike appreciate our difference. Just because the Mall has new paving doesn't mean that everything else has to be modern and sterile as well. I am pleased that the awning and upper storey are to be retained.

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From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Anne Jones
Sent: Monday, 24 December 2018 7:05 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Anne Jones

Comment

How sad that a new business to Launceston would choose to disregard heritage features and fail to understand what it is that makes Australia's third oldest city unique . What is even sadder and probably more disappointing, is that there appears to be no "body", which cares to regulate new building and redevelopment with a desire for retaining quality craftsmanship and a sense of history . It is the skilful talent for combining the old and new which makes cities vibrant and inviting to both visitors and residents . Please do not let Launceston go down the path of homogenous and tasteless chain store facades.

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From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Ross Millar
Sent: Tuesday, 25 December 2018 7:32 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Ross Millar

Comment

How disappointingly sad!

Irrespective of the finer points of enforceable heritage overlays et al, this is an historic link to retailing architecture of the past.

Simply beautiful, simply irreplaceable, simply what makes Launceston a city for citizens and visitors to marvel at, reminiscence and enjoy.

As recent new settlers to Launceston, we walk around the CBD and are absorbed in the magnificent preserved architecture (unlike our previous Victorian city home).

You have to wonder why the historic shopfront could not have been incorporated in a newer design to produce convenience, but still retain the essence of what inherently represents Launceston.

The CBD needs features and this is and could be promoted as such.

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From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Jean Chapman
Sent: Thursday, 27 December 2018 1:04 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Jean Chapman

Comment

I believe that the facade with the stained glass windows should be preserved. In my opinion there have been far too many demolitions and facade alterations in our historical city. People come to Launceston to see the remains of this beautiful city, not modern steel, concrete and glass boxes.

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From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Andrew D Alexander
Sent: Thursday, 27 December 2018 1:25 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Andrew D Alexander

Comment

I would like to help the proponent succeed in Launceston without causing damage, and if these plans are passed in anything like the advertised plans then I would like my name to be among the names of people who spoke out. The modern showy and glittery design in the plans is something that could be a shop front anywhere from Shanghai to Las Vegas. That may be fine in a new shopping centre, but the problem here is the stripping away of the character of a corner that is different and interesting because it was built in another time and tells a unique story. This sort of intrusion into this city, if allowed, will have a profound effect on the city's culture and attractiveness: the rebuilt shop front would say something to everyone about what we would be - a city that doesn't care about remaining beautiful by keeping its old and interesting fabric, and a society, to its shame, not strong enough to remain different from everywhere else in spite of its rich heritage, and, incidentally, to its own eventual economic loss.

There are clever and imaginative architects and designers in Tasmania who could adapt and modernise these central sites without stripping away charming details and without impositions that suggest superficiality. It is worth suggesting as a hint that working with the antique nature of the existing building would create, along with the vicinity, a happier and warmer ambience for selling jewellery to tourists and visitors than the proposal shown because of the pleasure of encountering something genuine and sympathetic. I recommend a rethink, but if all this falls on otherwise determined minds then we need to wait, because Launceston is rapidly being discovered for what it presently is, and if we preserve valuable details of our built heritage then people of taste and discernment will fill these spaces fairly soon and enrich our city in every way.

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From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Karen Hewitt
Sent: Thursday, 27 December 2018 2:45 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Karen Hewitt

Comment

As a newly arrived Launcestonian (?) I am saddened that such a design would be sanctioned. Coming from a concrete and steel clone-a-city, I was really taken by the historical beauty that was preserved in the town, and that did play a part in helping us decide to move. Those windows are so gorgeous, I wonder what aesthetically-minded architect would have planned to remove them! Surely they would showcase whatever was to be retailed there - ESPECIALLY jewellery. Looking at the plans I can only comment that they turn what is currently a glittering gem of a site into a bland and boring frontage. Very easy to walk right on past. Heritage should be nurtured as a pathway to the past for any town, and why not strive for beauty in what you do? In this case striving is super easy - just leave what's there alone!

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From: PlanningAlerts <contact@planningalerts.org.au> on behalf of Mackenzie Gordon
Sent: Friday, 28 December 2018 8:52 PM
To: Council
Subject: Comment on application DA0698/2018

For the attention of the General Manager / Planning Manager / Planning Department

Application DA0698/2018
Address 80A-88 Charles Street Launceston TAS 7250
Description General Retail and Hire - Alterations to signage
Name of commenter Mackenzie Gordon

Comment

I am disappointed by the lack of forethought in retaining our cultural identity in this design. I live in Launceston and love it's heritage factor and that it has retained so many of it's old buildings and facades. This is what sets us apart from other cities. Yes modernisation has its place, but not at the cost of what makes us unique. I noted in one of the replies that the mall refurbishment was brought into it. They should note that residents have heavily criticised this refurbishment. The facade may not be original, but it is far more interesting than the proposed replacement. Please reconsider keeping our heritage intact, modernising and moving with the times should not mean erasing all traces of the past

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Development Application Number **DA 0698/2018**

Address of Development **Ground floor Shopfront 88 Charles St Launceston**
AKA Hatton & Lawes

Details of Representor

Name: Victoria Wilkinson

Reason for Representing

- Figure 2: Shop frontage and signage consistent with special heritage details of Launceston CBD retail - that which remains has local and visitor value.

Stained glass signage, base tiling and window styling should be kept and incorporated into new retail. Retaining existing upper facade and awning is not enough.

- Figure 5: Could be in any shopping mall in Australia. Visitors and locals do not value Launceston for this kind of bland look.

In summary I would ask that the council consider the shop frontage shown in Figure 2 to be a valuable and prominent item of the fabric of Launceston CBD retail and so refuse the design shown in Figure 5 and recommend the adaptive re-use of all the features in Figure 2.

If Figure 5 is adopted then the logical outcome over time would be the loss of unique and attractive streetscapes in Launceston and would significantly diminish the reputation of the city. Enough has been lost already.

Representor's Signature 

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Development Application Representation Letter

Development Application Number

DA0698 / 2018

Address of Development

Horton & Laws -
88 Charles St - Launceston

Details of Representor

Title

MR/MRS

Given Name/s

Lorraine + John

Surname

FRANKLING

Reason for Representing

We would hope to see the facade of the building kept intact. ie. the rounded glass windows, the tiles and leadlight. To us, it would be very sad to see them replaced with ugly blocks of concrete, usually in the colours of grey, black or off white, which seems to be the current trend. It would spoil the look of other buildings near by, and around the city, which is known for its lovely street scapes, and architecture.

Representor's Signature

L M Frankling
J W Frankling

Date 13 / 1 / 2018

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ERIC M. BURNS

From:
Sent: Monday, 14 January 2019 8:24 AM
To: Contact Us
Subject: OBJECTION TO: DA0698/2018- 80A-88 Charles Street, Launceston

TO WHOMEVER IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to express my strong objection to the DA0698/2018 - of Hatton and Laws original building at 80A - 88 Charles Street, Launceston.

Whilst I do not have concern about what business is carried on there, I do not believe that the facade and original signage should be allowed to be removed. This is an iconic part of Launceston's history. We have tourists flocking here now and the architecture in this town is something to be amazed at and in awe of.

I believe that progress and development will always go on, but it should be within the confines of these parts of our history which should not be removed. But carefully preserved, as in for example the art deco facade at the Morty's development years ago, and the C.H.Smith building which has been preserved within the new development there. Also I draw attention to the Yeltour building which was painted white and then had to be stripped of the paintwork, because it was not in keeping with the heritage facade of the building.

I believe we should focus on our uniqueness which includes the natural features such as the gorge and basin, the fabulous inner city architecture and the historic and original houses that people love to stay in, and that to remove that lovely signage and tiling and create just another generic and bland looking building will surely add to the breaking down of our cultural heritage. I mean to me it is removing beauty and replacing it with sheer ugliness.

I also draw attention to the Council Planning Scheme :- " and for new work within scenic protection areas" . One would have thought that a beautiful historic building such as Hatton and Laws and the facade especially, would come under that title of "scenic protection areas", as so many of our CBD buildings are still intact and certainly lend an ambience and a unique quality to our city, and a drawcard for tourists and subsequent dollars.

Thank you for your time in reading this.
Yours sincerely,
Evie Sully.

From: Jim Dickenson
Sent: Monday, 14 January 2019 8:44 AM
To: Contact Us
Cc: Mayor; Councillor Jim Cox; Councillor Janie Finlay; Councillor Karina Stojansek; Councillor Hugh McKenzie; Councillor Rob Soward; Councillor Paul Spencer; Councillor Tim Walker; Councillor Alan Harris; Councillor Andrea Dawkins; Councillor Nick Daking; Councillor Danny Gibson; editor; Neil Grose; Steve Henty
Subject: Re: Representation DA0698/2018. 80A-88 Charles St. [Hatton and Laws Corner Pharmacy].

Dear General Manager

Over the years it is consistently stated, recently also by candidates and others during the local government election campaign, that Launceston is one of the great heritage cities in Australia.

Rather than add personal comments, I provide the following professional comments from various Council initiated reports.

Launceston Heritage Study.

Launceston is one of the most intact and interesting early city-scapes in Australia. It contains an exceptionally fine collection of buildings and elements that give the city a strong historic character..... It is essential for the future of Launceston, as possibly the finest heritage city in Australia, to adequately protect those values....

Gehl Architects Report

We should respect and cherish the heritage buildings....that make Launceston a fine built city.

CBD Building Height Study

One object of the study was to identify and protect the cultural values of Launceston so that the heritage values.....and its attraction as a tourist focus for northern Tasmania are retained, not adversely affected by development....

The Study listed the Hatten and Laws Corner Pharmacy as an heritage site.

My submission then is quite simply, -

[a], the existing Hatten and Laws Corner Pharmacy shop-front, with it's lead-light glazing, curved glass corner window and tiled plinth must not in any way be damaged/demolished due to this development application – i.e. it must all remain. [That the shopfront will continue to display the original logo is not an issue. It can be seen throughout the city that new businesses successfully share original facade templates with change of use], and

[b], the glass highlights above the awnings are to remain clear glass, not obscured out.

Regards
Jim Dickenson

PS.

1. Is the public notice correct ? The description does not include any reference to 'demolition', a significant part of the DA.
2. This submission is copied to other parties in the interest of providing wider community awareness of this important matter.

Development Application Representation Letter

Development Application Number

DA 0698/2018

Address of Development

Ground floor Shopfront 88 Charles St Launceston

Details of Representer

Title

MRS

Given Name/s

Jennifer Lillian

Surname

DEWIS

Reason for Representing

I am extremely concerned that one of the last precious "art-deco" shop fronts in our dear city might be removed to accommodate a new jeweller's shop on the corner of Charles & Brisbane Sts. Of course new shops will be modern but L.C.C. has a duty to preserve heritage! The beautiful tiling and leadwork leadlight work should & could be retained! The new shop must display it as an excellent example of art history and use it to enhance jewellery displays. I talk to tourists - so often it's the retention of our heritage buildings they praise! One more jeweller's is in no way remarkable but if the historic facade is kept, the business will have an asset - to add interest!!

Representer's Signature

J. Dewis

Date 14/11/19



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E-COPY M. BURNS

From: Leigh Murrell
Sent: Tuesday, 15 January 2019 6:01 AM
To: Council
Subject: DA0698/2018 - 0A-88 Charles Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

To The Launceston City Council,

I understand that you should have received this by the end of business on the 14th however as I was unable to do that due to being sidetracked with a family issue, I am hoping that you can still accept my submission as it will arrive before start of business today the 15th.

Thank you.

I wish to register the strongest opposition to DA0698/2018 - 0A-88 Charles Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

The aims of this application can only be described as offensive, totally stupid (in the manner in which it arrogantly ignores the architectural qualities of Launceston) and wholly inappropriate for the visual amenity and endangered character of the city.

I surely should not have to point out to Council that one of the many reasons people visit Launceston is because of its architectural character and heritage. Despite the fact that so many architectural gems have been destroyed over the years, and although we are still blessed to have retained as many original buildings as we have, we would undoubtedly love to have some of them back. Let's not make that mistake with 88 Charles Street.

This DA chooses to disrespect the value to the city of this visual element. The plan to replace the beautiful existing, stained-glass window façade with a modern, soulless monstrosity that offers nothing in terms of architectural merit or integrity is both staggering and insulting. In truth, retaining the existing façade is more likely benefit the new business by attracting visitors to it than is the proposed, characterless replacement that can be found anywhere in Australia and that no-one cares about.

Once such intrinsic, visually rewarding elements are removed from our street-scape, they are lost forever. We must not let this happen! We need to value and protect what we have left.

I urge the Council to totally reject DA0698/2018 and insist that the current façade must be restored if required and fully retained as part of the site development.

Yours Sincerely,

Leigh Murrell

23rd January, 2019

His Worship the Mayor, Albert van Zetten
and Councillors,
City of Launceston, Tasmania

**“General Retail and Hire - ” at 80A – 88 Charles Street, Launceston
Planning Submission - Michael Hill Jewellers**

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I recently visited Launceston, the city of my birth and upbringing, on a regular visit to my “home town”.

I am a great grand-daughter of Frederick Holmes, the first of four generations of the Holmes-Atherton family, including my grandfather Fred T. Holmes, to own and operate the pharmacy *Hatton & Laws* from “The Corner” - Holmes Building, corner of Charles and Brisbane Streets - after he entered a partnership with Mr. Laws in 1880 following the retirement of Mr. Hatton. *Hatton & Laws* remained in the Holmes-Atherton family for over 120 years.

I was horrified to learn of the plans of franchised chain-store *Michael Hill Jewellers*, to demolish the lower facade of the old *Hatton & Laws* pharmacy building with its beautiful and unique stained glass windows, curved windows, and tiles. This building is an historic treasure of Launceston. A chemist has been on the site since 1848, but the business under previous owners, dates to approximately 1828. Some of the dilapidated structures at “The Corner” were in urgent need of demolition and re-building; thus the first stage of the present building was erected, and the new Pharmacy was officially opened by the Mayor of Launceston, Alderman H.C. Barker, on the 21st December 1927. This building was constructed in three stages between 1927 and 1938.

Tasmania’s unique history unites the people of its communities, towns and cities, and gives a sense of identity. Tourism is essential to Tasmania and a key reason visitors are attracted to the state is this unique history, as evidenced by its historic buildings. The Launceston City Council is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the city’s valued heritage of historic buildings are conserved and protected. Far too many historic buildings have been

replaced by buildings which are bland, tawdry, boring, lack any aesthetic appeal or craftsmanship, are an embarrassment to the city, and can be seen replicated and cloned in any city in the world. The plans for demolition of the facade by *Michael Hill Jewellers* would result in yet another such building in Launceston.

Michael Hill Jewellers say they look forward to sharing some of their history with Launceston residents, but it is evident, and ironic, that they have no interest in incorporating the city's history into their new store ! A skilful and imaginative architect or designer would not find it difficult to creatively incorporate and link the old with the new in their designs.

If, at its meeting on the 7th February, the Council decides to allow this demolition of the *Hatton & Laws* facade, it will show itself to be extremely short-sighted; lacking vision and imagination; ignorant of and disrespectful to the city's history; and uncaring about the importance of preserving *evidence* of this history through its buildings.

I urge you as Mayor and Councillors, to provide intelligent and informed, wise, visionary leadership to the city in preserving its unique cultural heritage with its quality craftsmanship. Anything *less*, is an *insult* to the citizens of Launceston, to past and future generations, and to visitors to the city.

My sister Judy Chilcott, resident of Launceston, shares these sentiments, and wishes her name to be included in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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