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Email

Carl Carrington

BLESMA Home, 539 Lytham Road, South Shore, Blackpool FY4 1RA

Hi Carl

Long-time no see, although I have seen you in the Gazette!

I trust you are keeping well.

I understand that you have written to the Manager of the Home with proposals to list the building and which will be going to the Council sometime in May.

May I explain my own position. I am the Honorary Treasurer of the Home and on the Advisory Board and we are somewhat concerned as listing of the building could materially affect our ability to serve our wounded heroes.

BLESMA was set up after the 1st World War to deal with the many limbless members of our armed forces following that conflict.

Our need has continued throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century following the 2nd World War and Korean War in particular. The needs of the members of the Association are changing and BLESMA as a charitable organisation for wounded heroes, is changing to adapt to those needs.

We are presently undergoing a strategic review to serve the needs of our members and it would not be helpful if we were restricted should the building become listed. I trust you understand that by objecting to this proposal BLESMA is putting the needs of its members first as the Association wish to remain flexible to address those needs now and in the future.

We are very proud of the building and you will be aware that any alterations that have taken place in the past have been done sympathetically and to a very high standard and this will continue.

May I suggest you give me a ring to discuss any aspects.

Kind regards.

Peter Noblett

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