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Dear Helen

Thank you for your letter of 10 December on behalf of The Bearsted and Thurnham Society regarding the proposal to list The Parade, Bearsted. I apologise for the delay in the response.

I am sure you will understand that Historic England (HE) deals with a large number of requests for listing. HE were unable to take this case forward in the first instance, as The Parade was not known to be under threat at the time.

I can now confirm that HE have received the second request and intend to carry out a visit followed by a full assessment and consultation before making a recommendation to my department. The situation will be monitored in case a decision is required urgently. Please let me assure you that when the recommendation is received, all evidence will be very carefully considered. The decision can only take into account the historical and architectural significance of the site.

I hope this is of use to The Bearsted and Thurnham Society and if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Tracey

Tracey Crouch MP
Minister for Heritage

