



FRIENDS OF THE WILLIAM SALT LIBRARY

January 2015.

Dear Joanna,

I am writing as Chairman of the Friends of the William Salt Committee in order to comment on the bid that you have prepared for the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Friends have supported the Trustees now for exactly forty years, our object having been to

'apply its income and capital for the purpose of the repair, maintenance, improvement or preservation of the premises known as the William Salt Library, Eastgate Street, Stafford, or for the repair or binding of documents and books forming part of the said Library or for the purchase of additional books or documents for the use of the said Library.'

The main activity has in recent years been fundraising in order to help the librarian to acquire shelving and to conserve books. Because we have reserves we have also assisted in the acquisition of books and manuscripts.

The current proposals envisage keeping the Salt collections in conditions that meet modern environmental requirements, which we strongly support. The architectural plans seem to us a good basis for further development work. As it also seems that 19 Eastgate Street will be retained, our object remains valid.

The proposals include some exciting new ideas, and we look forward to enlarging on various points in more detail during the Development Phase, in particular:

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