



# WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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Councillor M Doody  
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Dear Councillor Doody

## **Heritage Lottery Scheme & Reinstatement Work – The Court House, Jury Street, Warwick**

I refer to your meeting with Councillor Gerry Guest and confirm that the cost of reinstatement works under the HLF scheme have escalated because of works required to install the new lift, arising from the discovery of a deep well shaft and underpinning to the foundations of the building.

Additionally the rafters to the first floor have needed to be replaced, along with the floor to the Ballroom and to meet Health and Safety requirements an air circulation system must be installed in the Yeomanry Museum.

The effect has been to increase the cost of the works from £710,000 to an estimated £890,000.

HLF grant is only paid in arrears and this also applies to VAT, which can only be claimed quarterly and consequently the Town Council has a cash flow problem because of the increased cost of the contract to which our reserves are committed and payment of grant and VAT in arrears.

The issue can be dealt with within the current financial year, for the contract is due for completion in August 2013 and all outstanding grants and VAT will have been cleared before 31 March 2014.

A loan of £150,000 would be fully repaid within this financial year, if the District Council considered that such financial assistance could be made available.

Should a loan be agreed I would like to express the Town Council's sincere thanks for the District's on-going support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Guest'.

Councillor Gerry Guest  
Leader of the Council

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