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Dear Mr McNaney

Re: Planning Application Z/2013/0637/A – Fascia Sign for Arc Cafe, Orangefield Presbyterian Church, 464 Castlereagh Road.

The above planning application was included on the schedule of applications to the Town Planning Committee on 1 August 2013 with an opinion to refuse. Following a deferred office meeting it was re-presented to Town Planning Committee on 12 December 2013 with the opinion unchanged. The Committee voted against the decision and the application was then presented to the full Council meeting on 6 January 2014. The Council voted to agree the Department's opinion to refuse.

The proposal is for 4 No. fascia signs to be erected on an existing glazed panel between the ground and first floors. The principle planning issues raised by this proposal include the impact on the visual amenity and character of both the host building, which is a recent extension to a listed building and the surrounding area. An amended proposal was received following the deferred office meeting which reduced the size of the advertisements however, the Department remains of the opinion that the proposed development is unacceptable.

I would advise you that a decision to refuse the application will be issued within the next few days.

Yours Sincerely



Kelly Mills
Principal Planning Officer