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*Dear Stephen,*

The Trustees of the Charities for the Former Durham Light Infantry are deeply grateful for the enduring support for the DLI Museum provided by the County Council. Our long and very special ties mean a great deal to communities throughout County Durham and we are delighted to work with you as we work to deliver a sustainable solution for future decades.

We are grateful for the nature of the discussions to date and will continue to do all we can to fully contribute to the deliberations and decisions being suggested by Committee Members regarding the future of the Museum.

Although we will be very sorry not to be able to maintain a museum on a similar scale to that currently provided, we do understand the pressures involved and will work with the various parties to maximise the opportunities that are available. We are grateful for the offer of the space in Palace Green Library which, although very restricted, is ideally located to maximise visitor appeal. The building will also offer the opportunity to hold annual special Exhibitions in the space originally used for the Lindisfarne Gospels and then again this year for the Magna Carta. To do something on a similar scale for the Somme in July 2016 would be very powerful.

The outline plans, as then existing, were presented by County Council officials to the full DLI Trustees Meeting in May and were broadly welcomed. I am certain that we will continue to work closely together as we deliver the next phase in the life of the DLI Museum and preserve this special part of our County's history for future generations. Thank you to the Committee and everyone involved for their understanding and their support.

Yours sincerely



James Ramsbotham  
Chief Executive