



■ **OPPORTUNITY:** The Hill Paul building at Stroud.

# Fantasy over Hill Paul

**I**N an ideal world we might have kept Hill Paul as a clothing factory with jobs for the people of the Stroud area. That is, if society chose to buy British.

As they didn't, and no doubt if Stroud District Council had its way, Hill Paul would have been a heap of rubble. Who are they

now to hold up their hands in horror?

Last week, we sat in the council and listened to the majority of councillors ignore officers' advice, even a trip down memory lane as we went back to the "museum" or a "cafe" on the top floor - pure fantasy.

No wonder Mr Magee is "gobs-

macked". This was a good opportunity, a chance to revitalise Cheapside. Why did the committee not ask for "modification", not outright "refusal"?

Our thanks to the councillors in support of the application.

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