

Letter from the City Architect Whomersley to the City Engineer-24-11-1961.

Castle Hill Retail Market extension- Norfolk Market Hall new building

In reply to your letter of November 15th I feel that the railings to the Market Gallery promenade and bridges provide a reasonable standard of safety and a standard considerably higher than that provided in similar situations at the sea side. There the knowledge of a change of level is effective even where no rail at all is provided. One never hears of children falling through the railings or over Docksides and very rarely over Cliffs though there are many tens of thousands killed and injured annually through stepping off pavements without due care.

Having said this it is true that conditions are not quite the same as that in Scarborough and so these rails have consequently been spaced 5 and 3 quarters apart and the hand rail inset 5 and a half from the e at a height of 3 feet 9 inches. This would prevent all but a most determined child of school age from getting over and he could get over any of the rails provided in Sheffield inc those at Park Hill. I feel that what you have in mind is the possibility of a child using the rails as a ladder and leaning too far over the top rail. This has been extremely difficult even for a 6 feet Adult due to the inset of the Handrail.