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FORUM Heritage Services

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Dear Alex,

No. 36 QUEENS ROAD, READING

Thank you for sending me the drawings for some amendments to the approved plans for No 36 Queens Road Reading. My observations on the new drawings are:

In my opinion, the alterations to the lightwells to the front and rear, including the insertion of a new window opening to the front wall of the basement requiring the loss of a small area of brickwork, will not cause harm to the special interest of the listed building.

The revised layout to the ground floor omitting the kitchen enclosure is a positive change.

Similarly, the minor amendments to the size of the bathrooms to the first and second floor, pulling the partition walls away from the chimney breasts of the front rooms represents an improved layout.

At second floor level it is proposed to remove the existing ceilings, which are understood to be modern plasterboard, and the ceiling joists to create 'vaulted' ceilings either side of the central valley gutter. The ceiling joists are of plain softwood and are of limited significance in terms of historic fabric.

The insertion of a rooflight to one of the slopes of the roof will not cause any harm to either significant historic fabric or the aesthetic value of the building.

Yours sincerely

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