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Hi Peter

Further comments on the above proposal.

With respect to the painting of the cladding, I note the aerial photograph supplied in the supporting 'Conservation Concerns' document, however I do not see that this demonstrates a significant presence of black painted cladding within the group of buildings associated with Ockley Manor. Whilst I would agree with the applicant that the existing brown paint is not particularly sympathetic, I would suggest that an appropriate alternative would be a natural finish as appears to be present to the majority of timber clad buildings within the group.

With respect to the revised window openings/windows, I note that the openings are set into a modern blockwork wall and therefore, on balance, I would not continue to object to the alterations to the sizes of the two openings as shown. Whilst I remain of the opinion that this is regrettable, I am not convinced that a refusal could be supported on appeal.

However, whilst I note that the applicant has indicated that the new windows/doors could be constructed of timber, which is positive, I continue to be concerned regarding the style and framing proportions of the proposed new windows and doors, which do not seem to adequately reflect the existing fenestration, in glazing pattern and also in the thickness of the frames. This aspect of the proposal also requires further consideration.

Thanks,

Emily

Please note that this advice is given at Officer level only and is without prejudice to the formal decision of the District Council.

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