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Subject: DM/25/1481 and 1482 Dorset Arms, High Street, East Grinstead

Dear Hayley

Thank you for arranging access to the above site for me today.

Having reviewed the proposal for the new two new WCs and associated works I can confirm that I have no objection in principle in terms of the impact on the special interest of the listed building or the character and appearance of the East Grinstead Conservation Area. However, there are some points which are of potential concern with respect to the detail of the application, which will require further attention and/or amendment:

- there is no commentary either on the proposed plans or within the supporting statements with respect to any new internal or external pipework, soil stacks or vents which may be required. Can you please provide details in this respect, in particular highlighting any impact on the external appearance of the building, or on the internal or external fabric. If new pipework or vents are required to the elevations of the building, appropriate drawings should be provided.
- the proposed new female WC at ground floor involves blocking internally an existing window to the side of the building. Although the window itself is shown as retained, this will have an adverse impact on the appearance of the building. I would suggest that the window is retained without the infill, but could be fixed shut and obscure glazed. I would recommend that revised plans are submitted to show this amendment to the proposal.
- the female WC also involves partially blocking the rear window to the room concerned, with the partition shown cutting through the window vertically. This is an awkward detail which will again detract from the appearance of the listed building, and requires amendment so that the window is not blocked or bisected by new partitioning.

I note that the existing target date for these applications is 1st August. If necessary, I would be happy to agree a short extension of time to allow for the above further information and revised plans to be provided. Please note that I am on leave from 1st August returning on 11th.

Kind regards,

Emily Wade

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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