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Subject: Tanyard Manor DM/25/0915

Dear James and Tracy

I am writing in connection with the above application for listed building consent. As you know I visited the site recently and met with your clients, who helpfully showed me round and talked me through the proposals. My apologies for the delay in getting these comments to you, which has been caused by pressure of other work.

Whilst the majority of the current proposal is in my opinion not contentious, there are some areas where I consider that more information and/or amendments are required. I will go through these in the order that the works are set out in the heritage statement accompanying the application:

- The proposal includes works within the cellar to the property, including the application of waterproof render to the walls. Tanking of historic cellars can result in damage to underlying historic fabric- can you please provide a further justification for this work, and an indication of the existing fabric and finish to the cellar walls?
- With respect to the proposed new LPG tank and cover, can you please provide further details including sectional drawings, to indicate the visual impact of this work on the setting of the listed building?
- The work affecting the 20th century range at ground floor is not in my opinion problematic, subject to detail.
- With respect to the wine store within the dining room inglenook, we would not accept any form of fitted furniture within this feature, as this would detract from its proportions and appearance. However, a fully free standing wine store would not require listed building consent. Can you therefore provide more details in this respect?
- At first floor within the 20th century range I have some concerns regarding the replacement of the existing doors with plank doors. Whilst the existing doors are relatively modern, they are an honest expression of the date of this part of the building, and contribute to its narrative in that they aid a clear appreciation of the way in which it has been developed and extended over time. Planked doors referencing an earlier period would in my opinion confuse this narrative, arguably damaging the special interest of the building. I would suggest that this aspect of the proposal is therefore omitted.
- Whilst I don't think there will be an objection to the eaves or tile vent associated with the proposed new laundry room, this should be shown on the proposed drawings.
- The removal of the sauna at first floor within the 17th century range would be welcomed, however more detail of the proposed treatment of underlying fabric to floor and walls and of the ceiling reinstatement will be required. I appreciate that the nature of underlying fabric may be presently unclear, so would be happy to discuss partial opening up or exploratory work as necessary.
- Whilst the changes to the modern partitioning at second floor within the 17th century range are not considered contentious in themselves, we would need to see further information at this stage regarding the bathroom layout (including elevations), and

details of, or a methodology for, the associated pipe runs. This would be to assure ourselves that the bathroom fittings such as the proposed shower enclosure will not obscure, or result in harm to, surviving features of interest at this level such as the exposed timber framing, and that the pipework can be accommodated without damage to historic fabric including floor joists, historic infill panels to walls, etc. In light of these concerns, the position of the shower enclosure may need to be reconsidered.

- Again the new eaves or tile vent should be shown on the elevations.
- There would be no objection to the use of appropriate sandstone paving to the existing paths and terrace adjacent to the house, nor do I consider the provision of a retaining wall and steps between the path adjacent to the house's western side and adjacent raised lawn contentious, subject to detail. However I am concerned regarding the proposal to give this lawned area entirely over to hard surfacing. There is already a good deal of this in the immediate vicinity of the house, and the existing lawn in this location provides a welcoming softening element to the immediate setting within which the house is appreciated- this complements its special interest as a rural building and former farmhouse, later country house. I would therefore recommend that this element of the proposal is rethought to retain the grassed surface to this area.

As you will be aware, the current target date for this application is 28th May. Given the time that will be needed for you to consider the above comments, consult with your clients, and provide revised plans and/or further information as necessary, and for me then to review any resulting submissions, I would suggest that an extension of time will be required. Depending on how long you think you will need to get back to me, I would suggest an extension until Friday 13th June may be sufficient, but please let me know if you think more time will be preferable.

You should also note that as I mentioned to your clients on site due to the nature of the landscaping work, including new retaining walls, the inclusion of the LPG tank in the scheme, and the location of these works within the curtilage of a listed building, planning permission will be required as well as listed building consent. You can find an application form and details of the relevant fee on our website, here:

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I would be grateful for your early response regarding the extension of time,

Kind regards,

Emily Wade

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