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Jill

I felt that the structural intervention proposed, initially, was not acceptable and needed to be more elegant and less intrusive. The agent has considered and revised the proposal to incorporate a series of posts from the basement upwards to help transfer the floor loadings rather than using huge steel beams. This is a much more acceptable solution which is discreet and will solve the problem permanently. I also had concerns about the sub-division of the first floor room but, on balance, this is acceptable as it could be considered reversible. The significance of the listed building will generally be greater due to all of the repair work proposed and the negative impact of the sub-division will not diminish the overall improvement. The insulation between the ground/ first and first/ second floors was also not acceptable as the joists were an integral part of the buildings special architectural and historic interest and it would destroy their appearance but this has now been removed.

Although not discussed with the agent the wholesale replacement of the staircase is not acceptable and further details or a condition will be required to ensure the retention of historic fabric. Other conditions should include:

Details of new skirting board sections  
Details of new panelling to disguise steel shs at ground floor  
Details of cupboard recess incorporating svp to ground floor  
Mortar samples and specification

Can I also ask what is to happen to the existing bathroom door removed from the first floor?

I'm now happy to support the proposals.

David Carruthers  
Conservation Architect

(Please note my normal working days are Tuesday and Wednesday)

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