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Temporarily remove and reinstate suspended ceiling and grid to allow for the removal and disposal of ACMs; external fabric repairs & maintenance which include but not limited to removal of vegetation from parapet gutters and chimney, clean and repair cast iron gutters and downpipes, re-fix dislodged slates, replace missing or damaged slates, reinstate loose or missing lead flashing & gutters, make good chimney flashing, removal of modern roof lanterns at ground floor level and roof infilled. Relocation of the staff kitchen from second to first floor.

Thank you for requesting our comments in respect of the above planning application which relates to a Grade II Listed Building within the South Street Conservation Area. This building occupies a landmark corner site and has distinctive external plasterwork features.

I have now had the opportunity to discuss the planned works with our Heritage Team. As you will appreciate, we do not have building qualifications so we are unable to comment fully on the internal works. However, on viewing the comprehensive Design and Heritage Statement, it appears the upgrading of the fire safety prevention measures are very necessary. The architect intends to respect and preserve the heritage features of the ceilings and covings.

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Regarding the exterior works the Design and Heritage Statement refers to the following and I quote:

4.0 As a result of the proposed works there will be no change to the appearance of the existing building or the surrounding area. The proposed works are limited to the repair, general maintenance and upkeep of the building fabric. The repair and maintenance work are to ensure that the building where practically possible maintain is natural state, while keeping all original features intact and unaffected by the proposed repairs and maintenance. Replacement materials will be specifically chosen to match the existing materials appropriate to the age, style and construction methods used.'

In summary the works appear to being approached in a manner which is sensitive to the character of this distinctive Listed Building. With the proviso that the Council officers are satisfied with the proposed internal works, we have no objection to this application.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



Worthing Society Chair

Cc:  Worthing Society Heritage Team

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