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Thank you,

Mark

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Evening Mark

Please see attached plan showing the doorbell positioning we have planned.

Regarding the fireplace, we are unable to verify its age as original plans for the building are seemingly impossible to find. Despite trips to the Spalding Gentleman's Society, Lincoln Archives, RIBA library (London) and endless communications with the MOJ, LCC and SHDC we have been unable to uncover any significant information to help with this type of enquiry. The fireplace in question is one of a number that we are lucky enough to have in The Sessions House. Many of which are unused, however none of which we are looking to remove beyond the one in question. Our belief is that all of the fireplaces in The Sessions House, with the exception of the one which we need to remove, are a feature to the room they are in and enhance the look and feel of the rooms and the building overall. I have attached the photos of all our fireplaces in order to show this point and also to show the identical style the one we are looking to remove has to one other within the building. Many of the fireplaces including this one have been so heavily and repeatedly painted that their material can not be certified without damage.

The fireplace that we need to remove is in a room which contains 5 doorways (2 of which are double), a window and 2 Radiators. These all drastically limit the amount of usable wall space we have available to enable the effective use of this room. As the fireplace is not standing on a chimney breast it will not look out of place for it to be removed.

Our plan for the area of the building which remains C3 (our house) is its continued conversion and sympathetic renovation into our family home. I specifically say the word sympathetic as I hope it is clear from the work carried out so far that our intentions for the building are to avoid work that will impact or change the nature of the building significantly and when it is necessary, keep it to a minimum. Most noticeably with the main courtroom and adjoining Buffalo room: Our work here has been minimised and our plans have evolved to ensure these rooms are best used whilst maintaining their important features and sense of history. We have also readily compromised after our previous discussions on earlier plans which were to remove the wall on the ground floor that currently has the 'hatch' in it, which separates the kitchen from this central reception room.

I hope the above counts as justification towards our proposal, please let me know if there are any questions or if you would like to visit.

Many thanks

Oliver

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----- On Mon, 04 Mar 2019 16:52:12 +0000 **Simmonds, Mark**
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Dear Oliver,

H16-0154-19

The Sessions House

Sheep Market

In general I am comfortable with the submission, however we do need a plan showing where the existing and new doorbell are/will go.

There is no information on the age or significance of the fireplace or justification for removing it. It looks original, and unless there is a strong justification, we would be concerned to see it removed.

Removing the later glass screen and blocking up the hatch would obviously be improvements!

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind Regards,

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