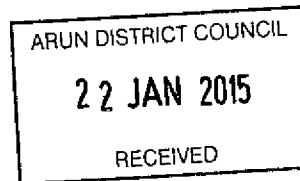


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Tuesday, 20 January 2015

Dear Sirs,

Re. Application AB/162/14/L & AB/166/14/HH 23, King Street, Arundel, BN18 9BJ

I have recently inspected the above applications at your offices, and have also visited and inspected 23, King Street externally and internally. As a result I wish to support these applications.

Externally, this listed building, an early 19th century town house within the Arundel Conservation Area, forms an important element in the street scene. The essential external character and appearance of this building would be restored by these proposals which would replace one unsuitable existing window on the street frontage, as well as others to the rear, with authentically detailed timber windows to match existing and would also remove all external plumbing to the rear of the building.

Internally, with the exception of the semi-circular arch in the hall, there seems virtually nothing remaining of the original interior features of this house which, as it stands, is hardly habitable. The proposals, therefore, would not only restore but would greatly improve and enhance the interior of this building, especially with the introduction of new arched openings echoing the existing one in the hall, and together with the additional bathroom facilities and other refinements would produce an elegant up-to-date town house.

As a former local government planning officer for many years with responsibility for conservation and listed building matters, in addition to forward planning policy, I have seen many other buildings in a similar state requiring sympathetic restoration. As an architect I appreciate this is not always easy to achieve, especially where there has been neither an architect nor an appropriate designer involved in the application. In this case, however, I have every confidence that under the direction of the applicant, himself an architect whom I have known for many years, 23 King Street would become a well restored, sensitively detailed and elegant residential property worthy of its location within the Arundel Conservation Area.

I would hope, therefore, that the above applications will be granted permission at an early date.

Yours faithfully

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Robert J.M. Mason.

Robert J.M. Mason