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Thankyou for your consultation.

We note that Sue Brooks, your Senior Conservation Officer, has been closely involved in this case and has laid down very sensible “red lines”.

We are therefore quite prepared to defer to her on the scheme that has now emerged.

However might we feed in the following thoughts :

1. Is this scheme compliant with Fire Regulations, with or without waivers ? It would be as well to know that now to reduce the chance of damaging changes being required later.
2. We note the present mix of windows and the intention to replace nearly all of them and to rehouse two of them in a lightbox.
  - a) We do urge that any new windows follow a casement or sash form rather than having central top-hung openers shown. The latter would spoil the clean lines of the exterior especially if the different owners open them differentially ( as they are bound to do ).
  - b) we presume that the light boxes are to be employed for the stained glass, especially the Crucifixion scene of 1912 ( Photo 10 in the Heritage Statement ) but might that be confirmed – and where are the lightboxes to go ?
  - c) Photo 11 in the same Statement shows the quality of the more of the windows – delicately Classical with a gentle colour palette that admits a great deal of natural light. Should not the presumption lie with their retention ( with modification ) ?
3. We note, and welcome, the retention of the gallery columns and fronts

although the inserted floor will inevitably compromise the appearance of the gallery. But might we ask whether a structural engineer has established that the shell, into which we presume that the new floor will be trenched, can take the loading ? It is of course essential that no extra loading is placed on the cast iron columns. Is there to be any means of access ( for maintenance and inspection ) to the enclosed stretches of tiered gallery flooring ?

Please could you send this on to Sue

Many thanks

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