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Consultation response 2023/92692 Britannia Buildings, St Peter's Street, Huddersfield

This application relates to proposals to convert the basement of Britannia Buildings Huddersfield to Hotel room usage. Built originally as a warehouse, showroom and offices the building currently contains, Lolas Restaurant, a dental practice and 24 luxury apartments used as aparthotels. The building is grade II* listed.

The application has been supported by a Heritage Statement which provides a general description of the building and its current condition. Unfortunately this Heritage Statement does not provide a description or any photographs of the basement of the building which is the primary area that will be impacted by the proposed works.

My original response to this proposal noted that additional information is required regarding the cellar of this building. Photos have now been provided of the cellar. These photos show the cellar contains few features that relate to its original use. The only surviving features are the light wells and the multi arched cellar roof.

The light wells will be retained as the Heritage Statement supplied with the application notes, " Existing lightwells give light to part of the basement and these will be utilised in some of the rooms giving a small level of natural light." This will retain these features and incorporate them into the development.

The multi arched roof is probably brick built but these structures have been plastered over and these construction and condition can not be observed in the photos supplied. As the proposed development does not include proposals for the replacement of the cellar roof/floor of the ground floor, these features will be retained in the new development. Suspended ceilings may be hung in some areas of the cellar but the original structures will remain.

The cellar was probably originally a large open space and this will be lost by the proposed development but the original structure of the cellar will

Based on the available data provided the conversion of the building's cellar will have a low impact on the listed structure. Based on this, should the application be successful, no further archaeological works are recommended.

Yours

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