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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

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For variation to planning permission reference 2006/3160/P (approved 06/10/2006) to be read in conjunction with drawings 052_GA_14; 22; 26; D_30; D_31. See issue sheet.

Description of works:

 Glass floors to the areas in front of existing windows replaced by a glass balustrade, set back from the window. (dwg 052_D_31 + 052_sk_501). This is felt to be more sensitive and safer alternative to the original proposal.

The single, large column in the reception area is replaced with 2 smaller columns with one column either end of the reception desk. (dwg (052_GA_22), we believe this to be more graceful and less intrusive solution than that which was originally proposed.

Two steel columns are introduced at ground floor to the interior of the north courtyard wall. These are necessary to secure the original façade following the removal of the ground floor extension which was added later and is being demolished. The steels will brace against the additional load from floors 3 and 5 which are not original.

 What is believed to be a bricked up existing window opening is to be 're-opened' and restored to its original state. This is to provide more light to the stairway and will also act as an automatic opening vent in the case of fire. (dwg 052_GA_14, 052_GA_26, 052_D_30).

There are no additional access issues related to the above works.

