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Dear Mr Graham

24 Betterton Street, London WC2H 9BU

As you know, I have been instructed to act as historic buildings consultant for the restoration of No 24 Betterton Street which is included in the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest at Grade II*.

In due course a detailed listed building application will be brought forward for the full restoration of the building. The current planning application is purely for change of use to a single family dwelling, the basement having been designated as a separate dwelling in recent years although the building was built as a single house. Currently it is requested that planning permission be granted for return to one dwelling. This will represent a return to the historic use of the building.

No 24 Betterton Street was built in the late 17th or early 18th century and was originally a fine private house with an unusual plan of a central hall and flanking rooms on each floor. It retains its original 17th century-type dog-leg staircase with barley sugar turned balusters, the full height of the building, and original panelling in several rooms, some of it bolection-moulded. It is listed Grade II* specifically for its interior.

In order to restore the house properly to its original character (and in order to avoid intrusive fire prevention works) it is necessary that the building be restored to a single use.

For this reason I strongly support this planning application, on historic buildings grounds.

Yours sincerely

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