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43 CUMBERLAND TERRACE: REMODELLING AND RENOVATION

Dear Oliver


We attended this property recently, to reviews its construction and condition, and I have since reviewed your proposals for its remodeling, as set out in Syte Drawing Set 270. The property is a top floor flat in the terrace originally built by James Thomson, following a masterplan by John Nash but which has been extensively remodeled since and we observed evidence of this and which is detailed in the heritage report prepared by CZHC. In summary, the facade is the only original construction left, behind which the accommodation has been rebuilt, with concrete floors supporting non-structural walls raised in clay hollow pots, a construction typical of the post-war period.

The roof has been remodeled and now features only one pitched section; the rear pitched section has been rebuilt flat. Importantly for your proposals the rafters of the roof frames are now supported by steel transfer beams spanning between the party walls.

We could see no evidence within the roof of any other points of support provided by the internal walls below so our view is that the internal walls and partitions in the flat can, therefore, be removed or adapted without affecting the integrity or stability of the flat or the building.

We therefore can offer any objection, as structural engineers, why the proposed alterations cannot be undertaken but do let me know if you require anything further on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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