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Dear Laura,

The scale, form, detail and conception of this application fails to preserve and enhance the listed building and the wider context.

The quality of the drawings is poor, there is little attempt to communicate the richness of the existing details (architraves, quality of masonry or rustication), allowing the proposal and its lack of detail to appear in context, whereas it is simplistic and alien to the quality and materiality of the original.

Extending a listed building so overtly would require a significant reason to support the intervention - disabled access, fire safety are two such reasons. However the addition of a Solarium is neither necessary nor essential, the desire for which should not compromise the presentation of the building.

I commented negatively on the previous application for this site, and this application repeats the same mistakes regarding a lack of sensitivity and scale in relation to the original building.

Many thanks,

