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**Ref: 24 Church Row London NW3 6UP**

Application ref: 2018/4109/L

Description: *“Construction and installation of a new floor structure and associated floor boarding and ceiling plus the reinstatement of the brick sub-hearth and hearth to the fireplace in the 3rd floor rear room”.*

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Dear Catherine,

We write following our recent discussion with Sarah Freeman of Historic England regarding the LBC application for the proposed new third floor and associated works at 24 Church Row and in response to the pre-app advice received from Historic England as set out in their letter dated 18 April 2018. In which they notable say the following:

- “We consider that some additional details should be added to the drawings to ensure the highest possible quality of execution of repairs, namely the following:*
- That a galvanised steel angle (minimum dimensions 50x25mm) should be added to the proposed brick arch below the hearth, as shown on dwg no.0919317/Sk43. This is to ensure that slippage of the arch does not occur at the junction with the joist.*
  - The material proposed for the pegs should be specified on the drawings”*

For clarification we confirm the following details and include a revised drawing number 0919317/SK43 Rev A with this information now marked on this drawing as suggested by Historic England .

## **Pegs**

It is proposed the floor will be tenons will be pegged.

The pegs will be handcrafted pegs, made with cleft dried oak (or larch if available), that are traditionally fashioned on a shaving horse with a draw knife. Gently tapering with an approximately hexagonal shaft.

Each peg will be approx. 20mm diameter and a minimum of 250mm driven from the upper face of the floor structure and cut to length.

## Hearth

We have revised Floor Detail Drawing 0919317/Sk43 to show a 50mm galvanised angle installed along the floor trimmer to help support the brick arch as shown on the drawing. This is a secondary support as traditionally the arch which will be built traditional with cut bricks off a support frame using the original brick springing will be stable and remain in place by form and friction and if necessary slate wedges in the mortar joints. The galvanised angle will help ensure that the arch remain in position even if the timber floor structure should move or shrink.

We trust that this letter and enclosed drawing clarifies these details and that the application can now be swiftly dealt with.

Yours sincerely

Gary Butler

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Butler', with a stylized, cursive script.

For Butler Hegarty Architects

CC Sarah Freeman, Historic England  
Lady Kate Gavron

Enclosed: Floor Detail Drawing 0919317/Sk43 Rev A