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Sent: 04 June 2022 19:02
To: Josh Lawlor
Cc: Planning Planning
Subject: OBJECTION 2022/0581/P

Dear Josh,

We object to the proposed replacement of single-glazed casement window with a double-glazed sash window at 18 Leigh Street.

We have no objection in principle to this application, as the replacement of the inappropriate casement window with an appropriately detailed sash window would better reveal the significance of the listed building and enhance the significance of the conservation area. That being said, the proposed replacement is unacceptable in design and detailing. The 'double sash window' is a Victorian/Edwardian detail that would typically not be found on a Georgian building, and especially not on a terraced building of this date. The submitted drawings are poor, but it appears that the stiles and rails of the sash are of excessive proportion, likely necessary to support the weight of the double glazed units. The small 'horns' at the bottom corner of each upper sash is similarly a Victorian detail, although in this case, the horns are not even properly designed. The window should also include Georgian glazing bars, preferably matched to the floors above. Overall, the installation of these windows has the potential to worsen the situation and certainly would not bring benefit to the listed building or CA.

Any application should also include appropriate elevations and a plan of the installation as the sash box should be entirely hidden behind a skin of masonry, a detail found universally on buildings of this age due to the London Building Act of 1774.

It may be more appropriate for the applicant to submit for a properly-detailed single glazed sash window, installed with an Integrated Glazing Unit (Fineo supply the thinnest range). This would allow the joiner to build a properly-detailed Georgian window. Alternatively, a different supplier may be more versed in how to detail a Georgian sash window while still using traditional double glazing.

I hope that is helpful.

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