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**To:** Jackie Phillips **Cc:** Robin Uff

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Grade II listed building; conservation area.

Hi Jackie-

I eventually visited the house on Friday 11 June- sorry for the delay. As noted in earlier advice (4 June), the drawings & supporting documents are rather lacking in detailed information. The structure of the rear wall is not provided. The front (street elevation) wall is still the red stock brickwork of the encasing referred to in the list description- but the side & rear wall are now covered in a unsuitable modern-looking, presumably cement-based, render.

Whilst the proposed alterations- replacing the rear door with a window & increasing the existing ground floor rear window opening size by lowering the sill are likely to be acceptable in principle, so long as the back wall is brickwork, the unknown element is whether any of the possible earlier timber frame is still forming that rear wall. If so, then this alteration to the wall will need to be designed in further detail, so as to avoid any possible damage to the historic frame. For exmple, there could be a brace or interesting carpentry jointing in this area of wall framing the existing window.

I suggest requiring the applicant/ agent to investigate the structure/ fabric of that rear wall, in order to establish the facts & to enable a final decision to be reached. Or- alternatively- refuse for lack of sufficient detailed information.

Cheers

Rob

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