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Dear Mr. Lee

Pottery Arms, 25 Clayponds Lane, Brentford TW8 0BN

Thank you for coming to our meeting of 18th February, with your pre-application presentation. After much discussion we have the following comments to make;

1. We welcome the new accommodation, of two three-bedroomed houses and two four-bedroomed houses, which matches local needs better than apartments.
2. We welcome the private garden to each house.
3. On balance we accept your argument that a modern style and shape emphasises the historic properties of the older building in a way that a “copy cat” style would not.
4. We would have preferred the new roof line to be lower than the existing ridge in all places, but we accept the device of lowering the roof locally next to the existing building, to protect the appearance of the ridge and hip to the existing building while maintaining a full second floor in the new houses.
5. We welcome the set back of the front elevation to expose the corner of the existing building, allowing it to be seen “in the round”.
6. We welcome the windows in the southern “end” elevation, but suggest that they might be larger. The internal space planning could also be improved to take more advantage of these windows, as dual aspect rooms are rare and sought after.
7. We accept that white render is an appropriate material for the majority of the external elevations, but we would request that the actual application drawings are explicit about the materials and colours to be used. We suggest that some dark stained timber, even in modern forms and uses, would be a good contrast and refer to the half-timbered style of the older building.
8. We will ask the local authority to use some of the 106 money from this site to plant trees in the adopted pavements, much as you have shown on your illustrations.
9. We welcome the full parking provision, with a fifth space for visitors.
10. We would request that you retain the existing pub sign saying “Pottery Arms” and keep any reminders of its previous use, as part of the building’s heritage.

11. We request the provision of safe covered parking for ten bicycles (two per house).

In conclusion, while there are aspects of the design that can, and we hope will be improved, we consider that this is a good approach to the development of this site, and we will be prepared to support an application along these lines.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Rockel
Planning Consultative Committee.

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