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Premier House 10 Greycoat Place London SW1P 1SB - 20/05884/FULL

We are very happy to see the reuse of an existing building, both materially and in its use. The fact that the building will remain in commercial use is beneficial to this mixed-use neighbourhood.

The extra floors will be a disadvantage to the residents in Artillery Mansions who will lose their existing view, and will be more prominent in distant views, but the Mansard roof reduces the impact on the street below.

However, we do not think the new façade is an improvement on the existing. The existing facade is simple and restrained. We do not understand why a change to the wall material is required when the spacing of the windows is not changing. The reversion to brick, as originally built, is understood, but the more sober V3 and V4 designs are preferable to the over-elaborate proposed façade, which revert to the lozenge-shaped windows of V1.

We are also troubled by the parapet and roof design, in particular the broken parapet detail at either end of the fifth floor. The way the skylights ascend to the roofline is also visually uncomfortable.

We suggest that the façade and roof treatment is re-examined.