

Gayfere Street 14 SW1P 3HP
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Alterations to fenestration front and particularly rear, new roof lights and guard rail to rear parapet

Comments : **Observations and recommend acceptance in principle with conditions.**

We find the application of this Grade II listed building to be sensitive both to the architecture and having regard to its surroundings. It is a substantial and challenging application but providing the detailing of the proposals are to the same sensitivity we regard it as acceptable - bringing an historic building up to today's needs as a family house while maintaining its period quality. In this context we are not opposed to the changes to the interior.

There is generally a wide variation to the rear of the adjoining properties both in Gayfere Street and Queen's Square, so that the proposals are considered compatible; and even an improvement.

The rear elevation has substantial alterations by repositioning of window openings. Our two major concerns on which evidence should be sought relate to the alterations of the brick work including replacement bricks, and secondly the subsequent re-pointing of the wall. The drawing suggests a complete new wall - which we do not think is the applicant's intention; and if that were the case we would object

The window design - particularly the lack of glazing bars is acceptable, particularly when considering the elevation as a whole.

For and on behalf of The Thorney Island Society
Tom Ball 20th September 2011

