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Letter Of Justification  
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Dear Sirs/ Madams,

ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL, London N10  
Norton Lees & Roseneath Section 73 Application  
Letter Of Justification

Subsequent to the Planning & Listed Building Approvals of April 2014 for this site, a process of design development has taken place where the intent has been to – where possible – improve on the existing approved proposals to the benefit of the building and those who will occupy it. This process has included a rigorous re-examination of all aspects of the scheme, internally and externally, to confirm, before the actual conversion and restoration work begins, that we are pursuing the best possible outcome.

This process has included:

## ROSENEATH

### Existing East Extension – Proposal to Demolish & Rebuild 'To Match Existing'

The original Planning Consent drawing PL050B intends (but does not actually identify) the retention of the north and east elevations of the existing East Extension as part of the works. However, the same drawing also shows a Basement footprint which does not match that of the actual existing Basement, as may be seen from the EDI survey drawing 13006/RO/F/01-04. This mismatch makes it, in practice, extremely difficult to retain the existing north and east external walls as digging out the basement to the footprint shown would undermine them.

In discussion with Nairita Chakraborty and Aaron Lau, we have proposed that these existing north and east walls be demolished because:

- a) Demolition would eliminate the requirement for complex temporary works to support the existing north and east walls during demolition of the existing extension, basement excavation, piling, pouring of concrete etc
- b) Demolition would avoid the necessity to implement challenging foundation strategies to successfully incorporate the existing extension footings into the new piled foundations
- c) Demolition would remove the health & safety risks associated with façade retention works
- d) Demolition would eliminate the risk of differential movement between the two retained walls and new adjoining construction

There is an additional issue that requires consideration. The footprint of the new East Addition is more than double that of the existing extension. If the north and east walls

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were to be retained, the question arises of how to relate these walls to the new external walls forming the east and south sides of the new East Addition as there will not, from the demolition of the remainder of the east extension, be sufficient salvaged bricks to complete the New Addition without providing either additional new bricks 'to match existing' or salvaged bricks of similar appearance from a salvage company.

We consider it will be next to impossible to match the existing brickwork with the old.

There would really only be one way to address this and that is to accept the differences between the two wall types, old and new, by providing a clear defining line between them in the form of a vertical movement joint. This will look most odd in the context of the new Additions that are to be built adjoining both Roseneath and Norton Lees, especially when viewed against the existing buildings which will present no such anomaly.

On the other hand, demolition of the existing walls would permit the building of the new East Addition 'in keeping' with the clear design intent of the new respecting the old and yet not being compromised by it. Here we mean that the Addition external walls would be constructed using the salvaged bricks from demolition together with new or salvaged to match existing bricks, carefully sorted such that the overall appearance of the Extension would be uniform rather than divided. Better still, in our view, the Extension would be subtly different from all the other buildings yet still very much 'in keeping'. And the requirement for movement joints at the junction of the new walls where they abut the existing building will further assist in defining the Extension's identity.

To summarize, we recommend demolition of the existing extension north and east walls and rebuilding 'to match existing' as shown on our drawings, using a combination of existing salvaged bricks and bricks 'to match existing' for all three elevations.

#### Dwelling Internal Layouts

Unit RN1: adjustment of Bedroom and Kitchen/Living/Dining to permit double bedroom minimum area of 12.0m<sup>2</sup>

Unit RN2: provision of more storage to Basement & services cupboard to Ground Floor

Unit RN3: existing living room retained in its entirety apart from new partitions & kitchen area; retention with relocation of existing double doors & frame between Bedroom & Kitchen/Living/Dining (fire & acoustic lining on one side); introduction of building services cupboard

Unit RN4: reconfiguration of dwelling to provide sleeping accommodation on the First Floor with Living & Dining accommodation on Ground & Basement floors

Unit RN5: Ground Floor Shower omitted for WC & Utility area

Unit RN6: First Floor Bathroom converted to Shower to permit better Bedroom 2 plan; Second Floor Shower omitted for Bathroom

Unit RN7: dwelling replanned to permit existing window to be retained (Bathroom relocated & Bedrooms reconfigured with new Ensuite to Bedroom 1)

Unit RN8: First Floor Bathroom revised to WC & Utility area; Second Floor Bedroom 1 Shower revised to Bathroom; additional storage provided

Unit RN9: dwelling replanned to match Unit RN7 under; two existing dormer windows omitted for three new dormer windows to match existing but wider so as to permit better use of space due to raking ceilings

### Fireplaces

All existing fireplaces are to be retained where the conversion plans permit

### NORTON LEES

#### Dwelling Internal Layouts

Ground Floor Common Entrance Hall: existing lobby and entrance hall (the first two spaces) retained in their entirety

Unit NL1: Bedroom 2 Ensuite relocated within bedroom area; Shower given over to Store & new Bathroom located adjacent stair; Home Cinema area reconfigured with additional storage; existing original door & frame to Living/Dining retained fixed-closed with fire & acoustic lining within opening; Living/Dining room retained in its entirety except for new opening to new kitchen area

Unit NL2: Basement storage reconfigured to permit retention of existing door opening; Living/Dining area retained in its entirety

Unit NL3: double-height living space omitted; dwelling replanned to provide sleeping accommodation on Mezzanine level with living accommodation on Ground Floor

Unit NL4: revised to a 3 Bedroom 5 Person dwelling (was 3 Bedroom 4 Person) by omitting the double-height living space; dwelling replanned to provide sleeping accommodation on Mezzanine level with living accommodation on Ground Floor

Unit NL8: Hall & Store reconfigured; originally separate Living/Dining & Kitchen combined

Unit NL9: storage reconfigured

Unit NL10: Utility/Store enlarged

Unit NL11: Bathroom relocated to permit new Utility/Store

Unit NL15: Kitchen/Living/Dining rearranged & 2 no. existing later windows bricked up; Bedroom 1 Ensuite reduced in size & storage increased; Bedroom 3 Ensuite omitted for general use Bathroom; Bedroom 1 & Ensuite omitted for new Study; Sun Room fenestration revised

Unit NL16: storage reconfigured

Unit NL17: Utility/Store enlarged

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#### East Addition External Works/Landscaping

When reviewing this area to the immediate east of the new East Addition, we considered the original arrangement of a large terrace for each dwelling, contained within surrounding retaining walls, to be somewhat less than attractive as an external space because it is confined to the lower ground level of the new Addition.

We are therefore now proposing a three-tier approach of a perimeter path around the new Addition at lower ground floor level, from which access is gained to a raised terrace from which, via a staircase, the upper garden level is reached which retains existing ground levels.

Finally, you will see, by direct comparison with the existing Consent drawings and those we have now submitted for a new Consent, that considerably more information is appended to the new drawings than was previously the case, with clear delineation of existing to-be-retained construction, that to be demolished, new partitions etc accompanied by concise notes on intended works, materials and construction; much architectural detail (e.g. the area railings, the window surrounds etc) has been added.

We trust the above will satisfy your requirements but should you require anything further from us, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AB', written over a thin horizontal line.

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