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Lucy Rutter

Dear Lucy,

Ref: 19/11025/LBC 116 High St SN8 1LZ

Change of use and alterations.

In response to the above planning application on behalf of the *Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society*, (WANHS) I wish to make the following comments:

1. The change-of-use is a decision for the Council and we do not object to this.
2. The approved application 17/05878/FUL created several changes to the building that normally would have required a Listed Building Consent. The internal and external changes carried out at that time resulted in structures that now need to be altered for the new purpose, and therefore need to be considered carefully, as the previous work may have inadvertently led to the loss or concealing of historic features.
3. During the strip-out of the “modern” internal structures a watching brief should be in place to secure any original structure or architectural features that are worthy of retention.
4. Careful consideration is required of the proposal to “block of” a staircase which is a significant feature that shows how the building is used. Access to it is also a significant safety feature for the users of the building as an alternative escape route.

Should you be minded to approve this application, we trust this will assist your decision.

Yours sincerely,

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