
Report to Protocol Agenda

“Proposed work to the former House Steward’s Apartment”

The Mansion House, a Protected Structure, is of international significance with important civic, architectural, historical and cultural associations. It is a rare example of a building in Ireland that has survived from the Queen Anne period and has deep-rooted association with 300 years of civic governance. The detailed research undertaken by the City Council in recent years has raised awareness of the unique history of the Mansion House and its significance as one of the key buildings in the city.

In 2009, The City Council published The Mansion House Conservation Plan. This plan whilst not statutory is a recognised document prepared by City Architects for the Client Body to guide the long term management and repair of the building. It was approved by the Protocol Committee and was well received on presentation to the Department of the AHG, the Irish Georgian Society, The Heritage Council and An Taisce.

The work proposed under this Part 8 Planning Application improve the appeal and functionality of the existing apartment (4 rooms) and is in accordance with the Conservation Strategy (chapter 5.0) of the Mansion House Conservation Plan 2009 addressing the “*deficiency of appropriate private accommodation, provision to accommodate visiting Mayors*”.

The proposed works result in the reinstatement of the historic layout of 2 formal rooms, with the addition of an en-suite bathroom and the provision of a new escape door that enables the reinstated layout and will have minimum visual impact.

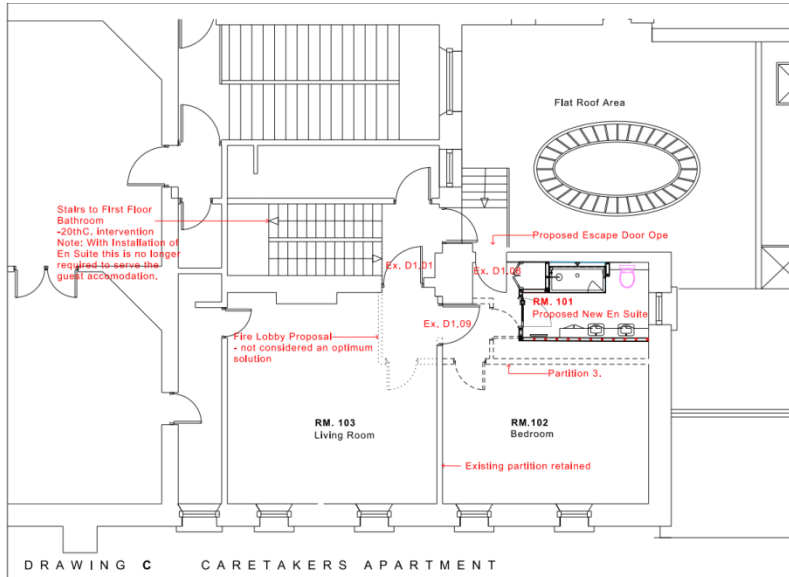
Proposed works:

- 1: Removal of 20th century stud partition (non load-bearing).
- 2: Installation of new en-Suite bathroom.
- 3: Forming of new external, single door opening in existing Victorian brickwork wall (post 1850) on inner face of south return.

The works are considered minor in nature and include the removal of inappropriate modern fabric with the acceptable loss of historic fabric (post 1850s brick) of lesser significance to

allow the door opening to be formed. The bathroom is clearly a contemporary intervention (a 'pod') that is reversible.

This work is a key part of the agreed strategy to provide modern, high quality facilities befitting a residence of this stature.



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