

**The Chairperson and Members
of the South East Area Committee**

**Report on the Part VIII for the proposed interventions to the former caretaker's
apartment for use as a formal guest apartment in the Mansion House**

The Chief Executive's Office lodged a Part VIII planning application (Reg. Ref. 3470/17) for works to the caretaker's apartment on the first floor of the Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2. The Mansion House, built 1710, a protected structure, is of international significance with important civic, architectural, historical and cultural associations.

Proposed works to the former caretaker's apartments for use as a formal guest apartment include 3 no. interventions to the rear (South West) corner of the Mansion House at first floor level. Intervention 1: Removal of 20th C. internal stud partition.

Intervention 2: Installation of new en-suite bathroom, with local pipework only.

Intervention 3: Forming of new external, single door opening in existing victorian brickwork wall.

The interventions will improve the appeal and functionality of the existing apartment. The works are considered minor in nature and will be carried out in accordance with best conservation practice. The works are a key part of the agreed Conservation Plan (2009) strategy to provide modern, high quality facilities befitting a residence of this stature.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection or could be purchased from 20th July 2017 for a period of six weeks. Submissions or observations in relation to the proposed rebuilding of the house were also invited and the deadline for receipt of these was 4.30pm on 01th September 2017.

Following the passing of the above deadline, no third party submissions were received in relation to the application.

The Planning Department letter recommending that the proposal be approved was issued on 28th September 2017.

It is considered that the proposed works are in accordance with the policies and objectives of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016-2022, with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and will address a number of conservation issues. Therefore, it is recommended that the proposed works are approved.

As approval of a Part VIII application is a reserved function of the city council, it is now our intention to bring the proposal to the November city council meeting for formal approval.

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