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20220728 – Former Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara, Clarence Place, Gravesend, Kent

Conversion of existing building to accommodate 14 residential apartments with ancillary cycle and bin storage facilities

Thank you for consulting us on the above planning application.

The building proposed for conversion is the former Milton Mount Congregational Church, and subsequently Former Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara dating from the 1870s and designed by the architect John Sulman (1849-1924). The application has been made with a Heritage Statement (HCUK, 2022). The decision not to demolish the building, but to convert it is welcomed. The conversion will inevitably lead to impacts to the historic fabric of the building and I recommend that by way of mitigation of these impacts, an Historic England Level 3 survey and report is made of the building for future record and research. I consider it unlikely that the proposed works will have a significant below-ground archaeological impact.

If planning permission is granted, I recommend that the following condition is attached to any forthcoming consent:

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of building recording in accordance with a written specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that historic building features are properly examined and recorded.

I would be pleased to discuss the above further.

Yours sincerely

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