

Eastney House, St Peters Road, HI PO11 0RX –APP/12/00696
(&/00695 – discharge of conditions)

These applications seem to have got unnecessarily complicated.
The proposals are really quite straightforward (1) replacement of the existing stairs and (2) replacement of a number of windows.

- (1) I am happy what is proposed in the way of replacement. What exists is not so significant as to insist on retention.
- (2) Four of the six windows to be replaced are of poor design and of no architectural/historic interest. The general principle is to use single glazed units within the historic core of a listed building. I feel an exception is justifiable here as there is a marked improvement in visual quality in the replacement design. The visual character of the building will be improved as a result. The two remaining windows are of architectural/historic interest and the case for use of double glazing is more marginal. In view of the overall benefit gained I am prepared to give the scheme the benefit of doubt.

Accordingly, raise no objection.

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