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Subject: 25 Tower Street - APP/25/00491 - Interim Heritage Response

Dear Rob

I apologise for the delay in forwarding you a response to this application. I have now had an opportunity to fully review the documents submitted and the additional historical data submitted by the agent.

I appreciate that my advice at pre-app stage was that there was no heritage objection to the proposed development. However, on further reflection and following a more detailed assessment on site, I do have concerns over the proposed external chimney stack on the east elevation.

I note that the agent has forwarded details of the building which formerly stood on the site however, that building has long been demolished and views of the harbour from the end of Tower Street have come to be appreciated and positively contribute to the special interest of the conservation area. It is possibly the case that the current house was built with a catslide roof on the eastern side in order to maximise that view. The ability to glimpse and appreciate the relationship between built form and water is an important component of the Emsworth CA.

Whilst I still retain the view that the proposed roof extension would not close up the visual gap to such a degree that it would constitute an objection, I am concerned that the chimney would result in a prominent and distracting feature, which would have a harmful impact on the vista of the harbour when exiting Tower Street at the southern end.

Again, whilst I apologise that this advice was not forthcoming at the pre-app stage, my advice would be to either remove or relocate the chimney to the western elevation. If this amendment can be made, I would be able to support the application however, as currently proposed, I would need to object on the basis of the chimney.

Many thanks

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Havant Borough Council will shortly be moving to a new software system for case management. As a result, the Planning Development team is currently working slightly differently until 13 August 2025.

Please note, statutory timeframes associated an application are not being impacted. The pre-application advice service is not currently running and will resume on 1 September. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time and appreciate your patience as we make this change.