



MANSION HOUSE SURGERY

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Design and Access Statement

The building was originally bought to convert into a GP surgery and it was modified and re-structured inside to suit the needs of a GP Surgery.

At the time the initial work was originally carried out a wall in the first floor waiting room was removed to create a larger waiting space.

The larger size of this waiting room is now no longer required and NHS Estates has recently made funding available to extend clinical space, which is the intention behind this planning application.

The plan is therefore to create a partition wall in the centre of this larger waiting area to create a smaller waiting room and an extra clinical room.

The room is ideal for this partition work as there is already windows on either side of this space plus doorways into both sides of the partitioned room.

We are therefore replacing a wall which originally had been removed and restoring the space to its original dimensions.

Heritage

The room to be modified is a larger room on the second floor of the building. It sits at the top of the staircase leading onto the second floor. The original purpose of the room pre modification in 2008 is not known but a partition wall was removed as at the time of modifying the building it was anticipated that a larger waiting room was required for patients.

This has proven not to be the case and therefore returning the partition wall would not be disadvantageous to the area as it would restore the space in that area on the second floor to its original dimensions and provide the surgery with a much needed additional clinical room. This should not therefore impact the listing of the building.