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Buzza Tower
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Dear Mrs Walton,

With reference to the Planning application: P/15/006/LBC, we write to object to one aspect of the application, and to make observations.

We have no objection to the additional ground floor window requested, but object to the idea of a number of stanchions erected around the top parapet, to hold a safety wire. The building is a Grade 2 listed monument, and the addition of upright stanchions joined by a wire 'handrail' will be visually obtrusive and not in keeping with the original building. We also consider them unnecessary.

The applicant states these are to ensure his personal safety when he (and others) are on the roof of Buzza Tower, but this raises the following observations:

1 – The owner would only visit the roof twice a day under normal circumstances, so why not wear a safety harness with a clip-line attached to a single anchor point. The owner worked on top of the tower for some 6 months initially, along with helpers without incident, so why the need for railings now? Surely, if there was a Health & Safety aspect, this should have been addressed from the outset?

2 – Although the conditions imposed on the Camera Obscura include a "no public access to the roof" clause, is this handrail a step in that direction?

3 – If stanchions and a handrail are really necessary, why can't they be attached to the inside face of the parapet, which would offer much more secure fastening rather than around the top edge of the parapet?.

4 – In the change of use plans for Buzza Tower originally, why didn't the Camera Obscura owner make sure that the new roof platform he installed was low enough to give a one metre high parapet, instead of the existing height which he is now presumably claiming is unsafe?

Yours sincerely,



Mr. & Mrs. Richard Larn

