

Jean Gosling

From: EVE, David [David.Eve@english-heritage.org.uk]
Sent: 20 May 10 09:05
To: Hugh Richmond
Cc: Ruth Blackman; Jean Gosling
Subject: RE: Holt extension meeting

Dear Hugh,

following the DAC site visit I discussed the case on the phone with Ruth to follow up on my email to Glyn Purland of 22nd April. I will belatedly put that additional advice into writing for your information as well.

I am content with the position and scale of the extension, which responds to the historic churchyard boundary and creates a meaningful space on the south side of the building. The roof form is a strongly contemporary one but I have not objected to it as such, rather just reported that it was not what I was expecting!. I have suggested Ruth might explore reducing the end of the roof height so as to leave all the clerestory windows exposed. I would be interested to see this approach, although I think it important to maintain a decent internal volume to the main meeting room. I am pleased that we are all in agreement about the link and look forward to seeing a simplified single element without the boilerhouse.

I was copied Chris Young's email of 26th April where he suggests 'spanning the curved roof through 90 degrees'. I cannot quite visualize what he means and do not feel there is a fundamental problem with the orientation of the roof. If Ruth is intending to sketch out Chris' idea I would be interested to see a copy.

The time may not yet be right to discuss landscaping and levels in the courtyard in detail, but this is one area where I would like some clarification and reassurance about the degree of excavation or indeed build up of land, as well as the proposals for headstones, of which there are some good ones in his area.

Best Wishes

David

From: Hugh Richmond [hugh_richmond@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2010 2:42 PM
To: EVE, David
Cc: Ruth Blackman; Jean Gosling
Subject: Holt extension meeting

Dear David,

We had a good meeting this morning - The latest proposals by Ruth were discussed and we were given copies of your email responding to them.

THE LINK - It was agreed that the link should be designed as a single block but Ruth was very much of the view that the west wall should be solid but with a substantial entrance. It was agreed that the east wall should be glazed to run with the revised elevation of the north wall of the new building.

THE CURVED ROOF - The meeting was in favour of the principle of a curved roof but your objections and alternative solutions were taken on board particularly given the involvement of the Local Authority. The way ahead was discussed and both Ruth and members of the PCC were of the view that Ruth should talk to you as soon as possible about the meeting and in particular about the roof as she is proposing to produce a new set of sketch drawings next week.

My personal view is that this an exciting scheme and that we should not be proscriptive at this stage.

Best wishes
Hugh