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For attention of:
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Your ref:
24/03605/FUL
Our ref: ufm4(93)rtf

The Swan, 2a Stockwell Road, SW9 – Alterations at Rear:

Dear Miss Harper,

In response to your recent letter about the above application, our comments are as follows:

This is a prominent site, at the rear of the Swan public house, which has been active in various forms since at least 1450. Both Clapham Road and Stockwell Road are busy roads, served by bus routes.

We are concerned that the applicants have not provided a Design & Access Statement to explain their intentions. I am surprised that the application was accepted as valid without this essential document.

I infer from the drawings that the intention is to provide a well-ventilated space as a smoking area and bar. Although the enclosing walls are a welcome addition which unify the whole, in contrast the roof treatment is crude and unfinished, particularly the jagged panels projecting at the corner of the footway past Cassell House.

A particular concern is the unsightly enclosure of the improvised external staircase linking this site to the rear of the main building at 1st floor level. We prefer this to be provided with a more sympathetic and substantial enclosure. This is claimed not to be part of this application, but the applicants must be reminded that it requires planning consent to remain.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary