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Jackie Molnar
Chapter Clerk
7 the Close
Salisbury

Dear Jackie,

RE: Leadenhall School Project, 70 The Close – Structural Matters

I have been asked by the Cathedral Architect, Izaak Hudson to formally respond to the recent objections, on structural grounds, to the above project planning application which have recently been lodged by the Salisbury Cathedral Close Preservation Society. (SCCPS)

As you know we, as a practice, have along with other conservation specialists given very careful consideration to the proposed future use of the building and to the impact of any structural proposals on the extant building fabric.

The 'Aleur' report is a very brief letter prepared with a superficial view of documents and without a site visit or detailed inspection of the fabric. The author of the report is not a Chartered Engineer and nor does he appear to have any meaningful conservation experience. The 'report' reference to Euro Codes and the attachments, further illustrates this lack of experience and understanding as well as the superficial nature of his involvement. The documents already lodged with the planning authority confirm that we have considered the design loading appropriate for the future use of the building and that a 'domestic imposed load' of 1.5kN/m2 has been adopted for the floor design to avoid unnecessary intervention in the structural fabric.

The SCCPS covering letter extrapolates a very brief report letter into pure and wild speculation about the structural works which will be required. For the record, there is no intention or need to undertake 'facade retention' works or to install a steel frame, install concrete floors or underpin walls.

I hope that the above will bring some clarity to the unhelpful and totally unfounded speculation.

Yours sincerely

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