

Walsham Hall

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Mid Suffolk Planning Committee

Endeavour House

Ipswich

Dear Members,

I would like to update you on the meeting that took place earlier this month between my wife and I, the Heritage officer, Thomas Pinner and Gemma Walker, the Area Planning Manager. This meeting came about as a result of your committee being "Minded to Approve" with further design considerations being explored to reduce impact.

Gemma had a list of 3 things that she felt as a Committee were your main design concerns.

- 1) The pillars either side of the door. We are happy to remove them.
- 2) The steps. The site is unfortunately on a slope and these are necessary, but we would be happy to add handrails. The existing floor heights won't be affected, it's just that the existing steps will be removed, and replaced by new ones. They will of course be built to Building Code.
- 3) The amount of glazing on the front elevation. We are willing to reduce this to either side of the door.

We hoped that these changes would help Thomas and the Heritage team feel that this would lessen the "less than substantial harm" to "no harm"; however this is not the case and even with a complete design change this seems highly unlikely. We do hope that through these changes we have reduced any harm in their eyes to a very low level.

The business of public benefit on a porch and w.c in a private house is difficult to provide. All I can say is that we run a family farm from this property, and we feel that this is essentially part of the upgrading to keep it viable. We do have reps and agronomists calling and this will enable them to use the facilities on the spot rather than traipsing through the whole house.

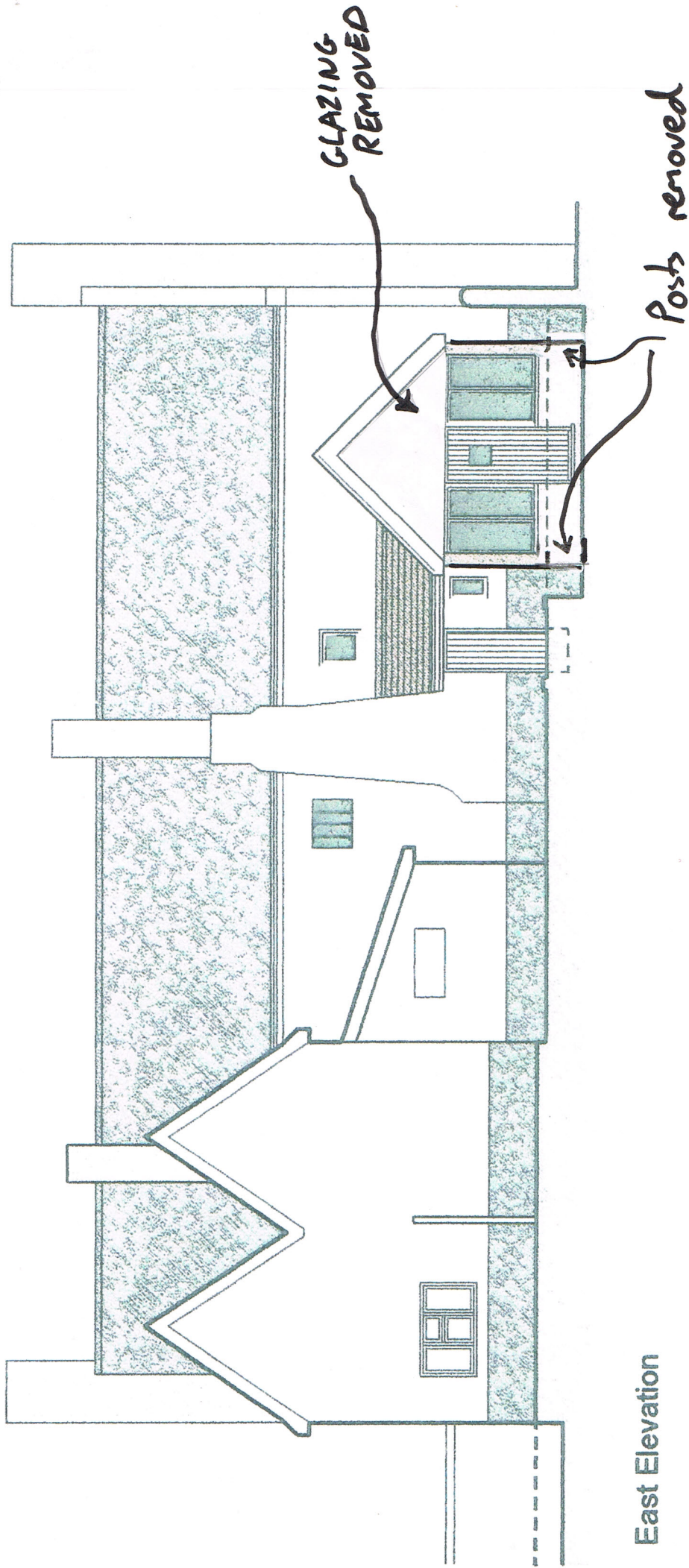
The same applies with my wife's work which sometimes involves discussing local people's needs at our home, and it isn't ideal having to walk through five other rooms to reach the w.c, from our kitchen/family room. I understand that Mid-Suffolk is meant to support small businesses and "Open for Business" is your tag line, I hope this is indeed the case.

I will be attending the Committee meeting and am happy to answer any questions.

Kind regards,

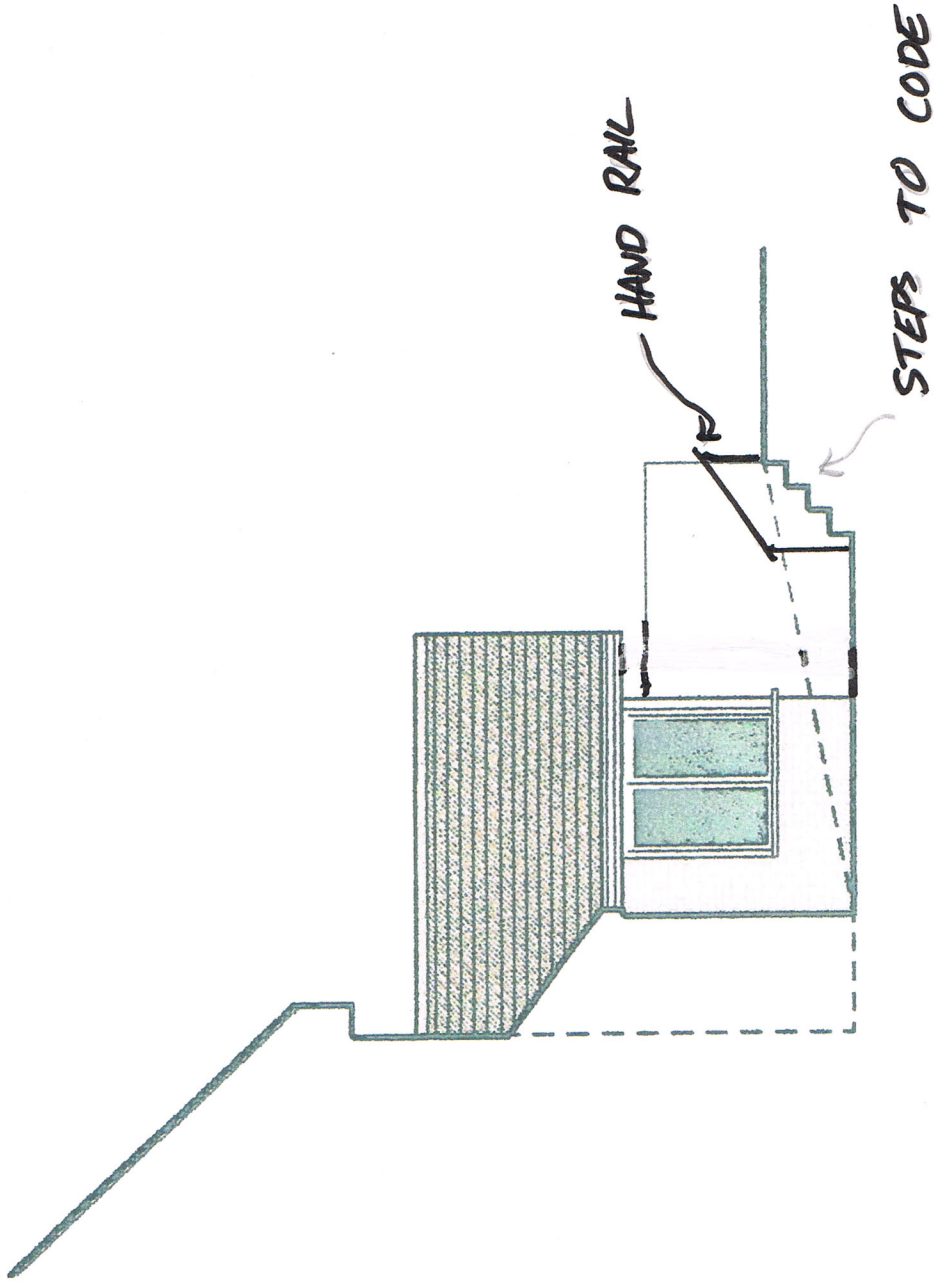
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