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Dear Mr Perks

**20/02611/FUL & 20/02612/LBC Grevel House, High Street, Chipping Campden.**

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair and Trustee of The Campden Society. As you probably are aware this Amenity Society was set up to: 1) To secure the protection of the architectural and historic quality of Campden, its open spaces and its natural setting; 2) To promote high standards of planning, architecture and landscaping in Campden; and 3) To stimulate interest in and concern for the character and beauty of Campden. With this in mind, we should like to register the following comments.

We appreciate the attention to detail demonstrated by the applicant in the planned renovation of this most important property. The various agencies have put a great deal of thought and attention into this and the application has been scrutinised carefully.

However, we have a reservation regarding the breakfast room. This proposed extension interrupts the clear layout of the house as a linear series of rooms and blurs the difference between the outhouse and the house. The extra space gained is relatively small and we would question the value the additional space will bring to the enjoyment of the house. The proposed room is facing northwest and is bounded by the outhouse which means it will not get much sun. The bifold doors will not function to 'bring the outside in' as the room does not have the aspect or the ground levels to do this. The elevation of this proposed extension is at odds with the rest of the property and does not add to the richness of the house. Moreover, it will be difficult to improve the thermal efficiency of this property given the various constraints and the planned glazed doors will increase the heat loss on this external wall.

We would urge restraint on proposed adaptations to Grevel House to allow the clarity of the medieval design to stand.

We trust you find these comments useful and please could you acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Devas  
Chair

cc. Chipping Campden Town Council