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**Please ask for:** Jasmine Whyard  
**Your reference:** New SLA at Wattisham Airfield  
**Our reference:** DC/23/03078  
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**Date:** 5th July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

**NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

**Proposal:** Application for a Non Material Amendment relating to DC/22/04231 to alter window details, including introduction of glazed-in louvre and raise 250mm above floor level and remove staircase on the roof and replace with proprietary access hatch.

**Location:** Building 314, Wattisham Airfield, Bildeston Road, Ringshall Suffolk

I write to confirm that the following amendments to the above proposal have been determined to be approved as listed below.

**Amendment Details Approved:**

NMA DC/23/03078

Proposal:

Non-Material Amendment to application reference DC/22/04231 seeking to alter the approved windows and remove staircase on the roof to replace with proprietary access hatch

Location:

Building 314 Wattisham Airfield, Bildeston Road, Ringshall

I write to confirm that the following amendments to the above proposal have been determined to be approved.

Amendment Details Approved:

The revision to DC/22/04231 seeking to alter the approved windows and external staircase is considered as a Non-Material Amendment (NMA) based on the following robust planning reasons:

An alteration to the approved plans in this respect, engages the test of 'fact and degree'. Cases which require a 'fact and degree' judgement must be considered upon sound planning reason(s). Such judgement is considered 'on balance' in full view of all material planning considerations. As a matter of fact, the amendments to the windows must be assessed with regard to the degree of harm caused by the proposed amendment in relation to the original planning permission. The principle of development approved under planning permission DC/22/04231 has been considered in full view of all material considerations.

The NMA proposal is considered proportionately in relation to the original planning permission. The test here is whether such changes are considered material through a 'fact and degree' approach, with specific regard to design.

The window unit design would change to be glazed in-louvre to facilitate a mechanical ventilation heat recovery system.

The windows would be marginally repositioned 250mm above finished floor levels.

The staircase overrun would be removed on the roof and replaced with a proprietary access hatch.

The proposed amendments would not result in any material change to the character of the area.

The difference between the window and external staircase approved under DC/22/04231 and the proposed details hereby considered through this NMA are marginal. The material nature and extent of the proposed change is considered acceptable, as the works would not result in a materially different development.

If you consider that a particular amendment you have sought is not covered by the description of the amendment(s) above, you should not assume that it has been agreed. Written confirmation of approval of all amendments must be obtained before any such works take place on site.

This decision only relates to the non material amendment(s) listed above. It is not a reissue of the original decision which still stands. This document should therefore be read in conjunction with the original applications decision notice referenced above.

It is emphasised that this decision is in relation to Planning Legislation only and that separate written approval of any approved amendments must be obtained under the Building Regulations Legislation or any other relevant Legislation.

Yours faithfully

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