PLEA FOR CONDONATION for LOUDON HOUSE situated in the proposed New GLENMARKS Hospital Precinct Situated on JB Marx Road Glenwood Durban



Alterations and Additions to the unlisted Residential unit situated in the new Hospital project precinct – at 7 Loudon Road, Durban, Berea

The background to this document has been extensively articulated during the two preceding AMAFA Heritage Officer's Committee Meetings, held on Wednesday the 13th and 20th of September 2023.

The project is currently subject to an exceptionally tight timeframe with anticipated Practical Completion date being November 2023.

Our plea is for condonation of the impact, at the request of an NGO, sourced by the Facilities operator, to increase the schedule of accommodation so that it could yield a higher potential. Whilst respecting the historic features, where practically possible. Such a relatively minor deviation would provide additional specialist consultant and group therapy rooms.

The rooms would address recent requests from an external NPO's whereby, assistance for patients which suffer from physical, mental, emotional and drug abuse. These rooms would also assist with those who are displaying suicidal and other mental disorder/ tendencies. The additional consulting / counselling / therapy rooms will embellish the Psych. Hospital facilities, as they could not be accommodated in the Hospital. under normal circumstances.

A prerequisite of this was that outpatients/ consultants would need to have direct access from outside. To this end the former entrance door has been restored to provide this. Notably two shorter flat arches ,which were complete irreparable due to borer, have had to be sacrificed to accommodate SANAS/ FIRE/ UNIVERSAL ACCESS, compliant passage widths.

Notwithstanding this, the main feature arch and columns have remained and are a true statement, as seen in previously issued images. All other internal and external architectural features such as plaster work, fireplaces, columns, and stained glass have been respected and meticulously refurbished. This was no easy feat considering the previous addons which took place prior to the Developer purchasing the site.

Please note that there are no further changes to the external elevations reflected on the prevailing Permit of this unlisted building.

Respectfully, may we request that AMAFA condone this minor matter

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