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**Subject:** re. 19/1556/FUL, overview report on structural condition of the city wall

Matt,

Thanks for sending me this report by Mann Williams for comment.

I have read it through and comment as follows.

It is a useful initial review as far as it goes, but I note that it only seems to cover the rear of the city wall, and that section of the face/front that is visible and easily accessible within the Northernhay St carpark. There isn't any indication that they looked at the front face of the wall within any of the private gardens/properties to each side.

As the latter sections are as likely to be affected by the development as the car park section they should really be assessed at this stage as well and included in the review, so that a near as possible full review of the whole section of wall, front and rear, rather than just a partial one restricted to the publically accessible sections, is available in the run up to the planning committee and decision. If access is not gained then they should demonstrate (and mention in the report) that they did make a reasonable attempt or attempts to gain access, with reasonable notice to the owners/occupiers, and state that they will make further attempts to do so.

It is useful to have the outline in the document of what monitoring and protective measures are envisaged, and I would concur that the detail of these can reasonably be subject to approval under a condition (either a specific one and/or via the CEMP). However, the investigations and precautionary measures that they are proposing in para 3.3 and elsewhere in section 3 (including erecting the supporting scaffolding, and anything similar arising from viewing the rest of the wall face along here) should be done as part of the process of working out the detail of these measures, as presumably they will inform what the latter should be. I.e they would need to be done before the final details are submitted for approval under a condition.

It would also be worth, if appropriate, passing on this report (if they haven't received it already) to our property colleagues who manage the wall, particularly re. the recommendation to erect supportive scaffolding along the leaning section of wall at the NW end of the car park, with reference to their comments about the dangers of collapse in section 3.2.

Hope this is helpful,

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