

INTERMEDIATE Building Condition Report – 1930's Hall & Extensions

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091 – General external elevation looking toward the North East across the front elevation of the Hall extension with the traditional building in the background.



092 – General external elevation looking toward the North East across the rear elevation of the Hall extension with the traditional building in the background.



093 - General external view of the rear toilet extensions.



094 – External view of the secondary front entrance lobby to the Hall.



095 – Internal view of the secondary front entrance lobby from the main Hall.



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102 – Close up image of defective floor structure in the threshold area of the lobby entrance doors.

Note: The timber flooring is not only dropping in level but pulling away from the aluminium threshold. Likely cause to be localised subsidence of the supporting sub-structure beneath the suspended floor or issues with water ingression and the rotting of the floor joist ends bearing into the masonry structure. Further destructive investigation recommended.



103 – Main Hall rear entrance / exit lobby. Cast concrete floor extending from suspended timber floor of the main hall.



104 – Full width 'open' structural crack in the concrete floor structure to the entrance / exit lobby. Indicative of structural movement having occurred in this location.



105 – Close up image of the defective floor structure identified in previous photos.



106 – View of the panelled ceiling structure within the lobby entrance (external).

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108 – General external elevation of the rear entrance / exit lobby.



109 – External view of the entrance lobby, with clear evidence of movement in the structure away from the main building.



110 - Potential contributing cause for the noted movement in the lobby structure.



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112 – View of the rear car park elevation of the lobby structure. Note evidence of previous attempts to fill void / gap between the two structures. Presence of open crack suggests movement of the lobby structure is ongoing and should be monitored.



113 – Roof level view of the abutment between the lobby roof covering and the masonry wall to the Hall.

Note: Gap of approximately 50mm between the slate edges and the rendered wall, exposing the lead soakers placed to help with weathering the junction at roof level between the two structures. At apex of the roof a cement fillet has previously been added to bridge the void created by the movement in the structures.



114 – Mis-aligned and disconnected ridge tile to the lobby structure, providing additional evidence that the lobby structure is moving away from the main Hall building.







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Recommendations

Secondary front entrance – Further investigation required to ascertain the exact cause or contributing causes to the noted deflection in the lobby floor structure. The services of a competent carpenter are required to lift the existing floor boards in the threshold area of the entrance doors, so as to expose the floor structure below.

Rear Entrance / Exit Lobby Structure – It is recommended that the lobby structure is monitored for movement, by using 'tell tales' for a minimum period of twelve months to collect data through all four seasons of the year. If movement is ongoing then underpinning or a form of structural repair designed by a structural engineer will be required.

If movement is deemed to have ceased, then a programme of remedial repairs can be undertaken to make good the noted defects.

In any event it is advised that the buildings insurers are advised that there is potential movement in the structure so that the incident can be formally noted. The building insurers may wish to undertake their own on site investigations, which could include exposing the below ground drainage runs in the local area.





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