

PfE Policy JP-H3: - Compliance Statement

The current change of use within the upper floors at

1. Comply with the nationally described space standards; - These are currently met.
2. Be built to the 'accessible and adaptable' standard in Part M4(2) of the

Building Regulations unless specific site conditions make this impracticable

The proposal to comply with Policy PfE Policy JP-H3 is not feasible due to the constraints imposed by the historic fabric of the building, which is located within a designated conservation area. The building in question holds significant architectural and historical value, and any alterations or developments that would be required to meet the objectives of Policy JP-H3 risk damaging or compromising these irreplaceable features.

The building's design and materials are integral to its character and significance, and strict guidelines are in place to ensure that any changes do not negatively impact the aesthetic or historical integrity of the structure. As the property lies within a conservation area, it is subject to additional layers of protection, which prioritize the preservation of the area's historical and architectural qualities.

Modifications intended to meet the requirements of Policy JP-H3, such as structural changes or the introduction of modern building technologies, would likely conflict with these conservation guidelines. These interventions may compromise the building's historic value, alter its external appearance inappropriately, or even risk the deterioration of its fabric.

In light of these considerations, it is concluded that full adherence to Policy JP-H3 is not achievable without causing irreversible harm to the historic and architectural integrity of the building and its surrounding conservation area. Consequently, a more balanced approach must be pursued to ensure both the preservation of the building's historic value and compliance with relevant planning policies.