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Dear Tegan,

**Chimney Repairs, The Grange, Norwich Rd., Little Stonham.**

I am writing to you on behalf of our Client Mr. James Miller in connection with the chimney at the Grange. Mr Miller called me last week and explained that he is under pressure to carry out further work to the chimney and I am writing to emphasise that we would strongly advise against further re-building work to replace bricks due to the high risk to occupants and workers.

We were the engineers on this project and prior to the work which has been carried out, the chimney was in a perilous condition and at risk of collapse. Urgent works were necessary to stabilise both the brickwork and foundations. Considerable care and consideration was given to designing a scheme that achieved stability while retaining as much as possible of the chimney and its original form. This was a case where full demolition and re-build would have been justifiable on the grounds of safety, but the heritage aspect was considered sufficiently important to override 'normal' safety practice.

We believe that it would now be impossible to find either an engineer or builder willing to rebuild the brickwork. Replacement on a brick-by-brick basis might be considered, but would certainly result in a much poorer appearance.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Yours faithfully,



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