

**20 Snow Street, Roydon IP225SB.**

**Application to remove stud partitions added to property in 1994/5**

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**Applicant: Mark Sheppard**

We seek permission to remove stud partitioning added to the property with permission 1996/1317.

What was done created two compromised rooms and an unlit corridor that winds the length of the east side of the building. The work has hidden some character features and made the layout impractical and dark.

The permission just added stud wall partitions and has not altered any structure other than removal of a winding staircase.

We feel that the property will benefit from being returned to its original layout. The rooms will be far more useable, the light will improve and we will be rid of the awful corridor arrangement. It will certainly give the middle bedroom back its shape and character as all of the exposed ceiling joists and currently hidden in the unlit corridor.

We propose to reinstate a winding oak staircase in the original position using the original ceiling aperture. This would serve the two bedrooms as it always did. The access door created to the middle bedroom with the addition of the new staircase in 1996 will remain, leaving the middle bedroom served from both sets of stairs.

We also propose to reinstate a partitioned WC/shower room to the ground floor bedroom. This room was originally a kitchen with a partitioned off WC prior to 1996. It is now a ground floor bedroom used by our aging parents that will increasingly struggle to negotiate the winding stairs. This WC now needs to be at the rear of the property as the soil pipes now run to the rear and not to a front located septic tank as it used to.