

Thanks

The Daily Post is also running the story. They haven't specifically asked for a comment for us but I will forward it to them as well for inclusion online/in tomorrow's paper as it's a positive comment.

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/news-wrexhams-groves-school-listed-11437155>

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Subject: RE: TO CLEAR - Draft response - Grove School for BBC Newyddion

The Minister is content.

Thanks

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Subject: TO CLEAR - Draft response - Grove School for BBC Newyddion

Brendan Williams from BBC Newyddion has called about Grove School. He has received a press notice from a campaign group, *Save Our Heritage*, which says Cadw has suggested the school should be listed.

The press notice and listing criteria forwarded by the reporter is attached but it basically says that Save our Heritage welcomes the news that the building will no longer be demolished.

The reporter has asked for a response and specifically wants to know:

- Is it correct Cadw has recommended the building is listed?
- What will listing the building mean? - i.e. does it mean the school will no longer be demolished.
- Why we have decided to protect the school.

The below suggested response has been approved by officials. Can you see if the Minister is content to clear please?

The reporter wants a response on this today.

Suggested response:

Economy and Infrastructure Secretary, Ken Skates, who is also responsible for Culture and Heritage in Wales, said: "I am pleased to confirm that following careful consideration of a spot listing request submitted to Cadw earlier this year, I feel that the former Grove Park School in Wrexham should be awarded Grade 2 listed status.

"I am now seeking the views of Wrexham County Borough Council and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales before making any final decision. Any listing would regulate the demolition of the building through a process known as listed building consent."

ENDS

Notes:

Taken from the Draft Listing Description:

Listed for its special architectural interest on the grounds of its quality and character as a key example of an inter-war girl's grammar school in the neo-classical tradition (in a 1930s interpretation) which survives largely intact, and in view of its aesthetic merit as an ambitious building, which demonstrates stylistic flair in features such as the quality of the double-sweep stair and the external brickwork.

ENDS

Kind regards,
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