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Dear Ms Raffour

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest - Grove Park School, Acton, Wrexham

I refer to your letter dated 6 June 2016, addressed to Dr Helen Paterson (Chief Executive) concerning the proposal by the Welsh Government to list the former Grove Park School building.

I can confirm that Wrexham County Borough Council is the freehold owner of the building and all of the land on which the building sits (as shown hatched on the attached plan).

I note that you have requested that the Council sends any comments that it wishes to make by 4 July 2016, on the Welsh Government's proposal to list the building.

I can confirm that it is Wrexham County Borough Council's current intention to make representations to you by the above deadline. In the interim however, the Council wishes you to address the following as quickly as possible:

- it requires further clarification on the rationale for listing given that CADW has considered and decided not to list this building on two previous occasions;

- it seeks copies of all notes, reports, emails and correspondence relating to this site including but not limited to any request to list the building, all actions taken in response to such a request, any records of inspection of the building carried out in response, and any report or recommendation to CADW and or the Minister relating to the proposal to list the building. In addition it would like to see any information relating to previous surveys (or indeed resurveys) of the building for listing purposes. This will include any national surveys carried out for listing purposes, but also surveys carried out in response to any requests for spot listing. Furthermore, in relation to any previous requests to spot list the building it

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requests copies of the same and any information you may have in relation to actions taken in response thereto, including any correspondence, notes, emails and reports prepared in considering such requests. Furthermore it would like to see any new or additional material information which has helped CADW to reach its decision to recommend listing the building since such previous requests for listing were made;

- it seeks specific clarification and information on the location and relevance of the air raid shelter, the existence of which the Council is not aware;

- given the significant damage to parts of the building (such as walls, ceilings, parquet flooring, doors and windows) it would also like clarification and an explanation of the statement that the building "survives largely intact";

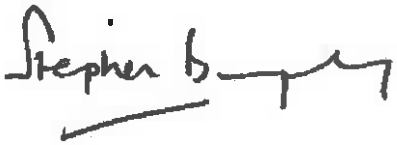
- please specifically indicate who has or will make the listing determination. Is the decision a Cabinet Secretary decision or one that will be made by delegated officer at CADW?; and

- please provide copies of any risk assessments undertaken into this listing. In particular, has there been an Equality Impact Assessment given the potential impact on educational provision in the County Borough?

It will be appreciated that CADW is the repository of most of the information relating to the history of the listing of this building that we seek. The Council may have to seek to extend the deadline for comments, which we note is non statutory, in the event that there is any delay in provision of the same. In the event of delay or an incomplete response, the Council may have to make a more formal request for information. You will appreciate given the Council's expressed intention to make comments that it would be unfair for CADW to proceed until such time as the Council has been given access to such information as may be available and been able to comment on the same.

I would like to emphasise that the Council will act responsibly now that it is in receipt of CADW's proposal to list and there is no suggestion that demolition will proceed in advance of a listing decision by CADW.

Yours sincerely



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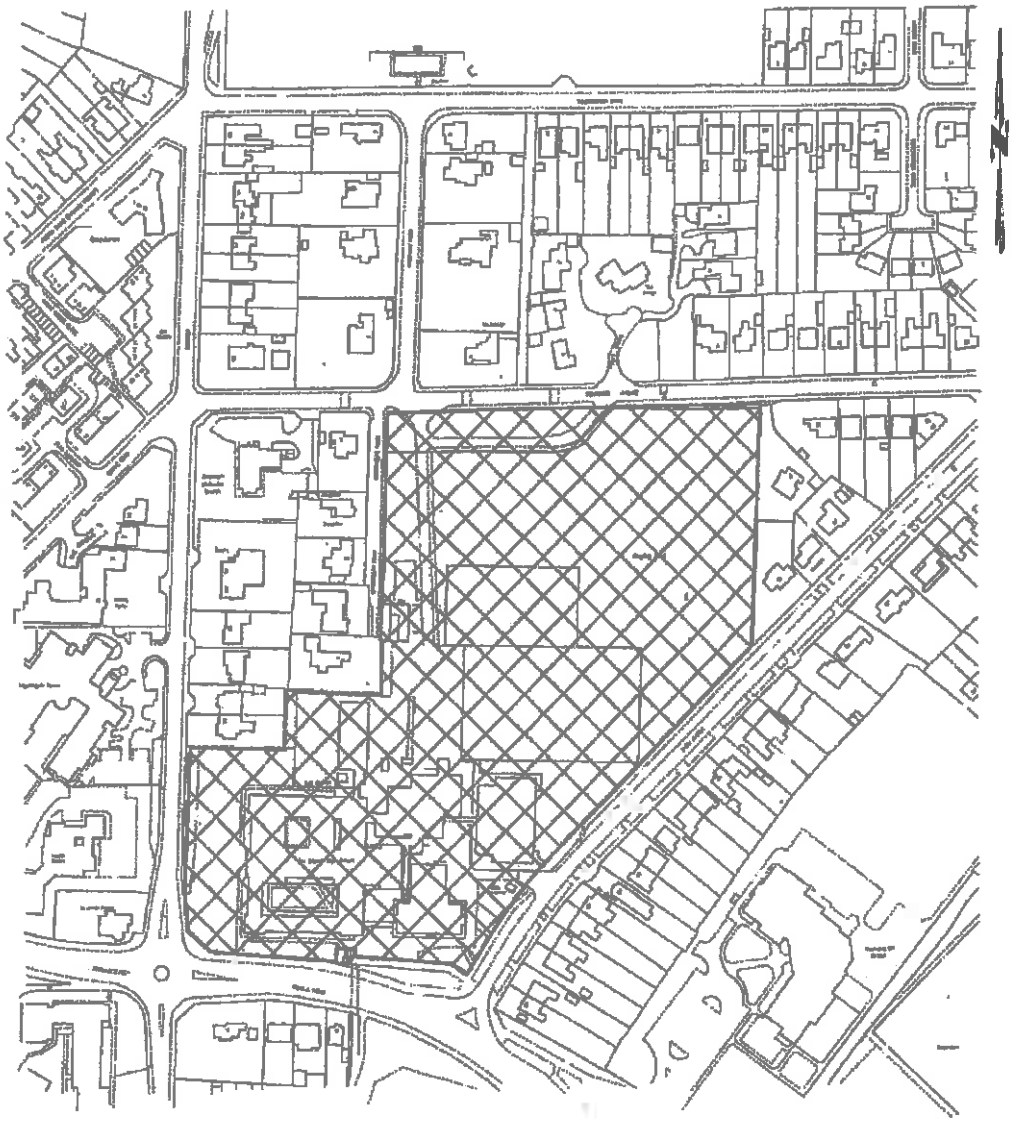

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