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Dear Ashok and Pedr,

Thank you for your correspondence of 06 September, about the recent investigatory work into the possible presence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) at The National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth.

I understand from officials that the investigation has been completed and I am glad to hear that there is no RAAC installed in the library buildings. Having a regular inspection regime in place and ensuring buildings are properly maintained, helps to identify any issues with RAAC at an early stage.

In your letter, you also asked about relevant guidance on RAAC. We continue to recommend that existing guidance from the Institution of Structural Engineers is used to investigate and assess the presence of RAAC in public buildings. Its supplementary guidance, which was published this year, includes advice on assessing risk, remediation and management when RAAC is found to be present.

<https://www.istructe.org/resources/guidance/reinforced-autoclaved-aerated-concrete-guidance/>

The Welsh Government is currently in the process of developing a FAQ page regarding RAAC which is due to be published shortly.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope you find this information helpful and thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dawn Bowden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dawn" written in a larger, more prominent script than the surname "Bowden".

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