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Dear Mr Robinson,

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 NOTICE OF LISTING – FORMER GROVE PARK SCHOOL, ACTON, WREXHAM

Further to our previous correspondence, I am writing to confirm the decision of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to list the former Grove Park School, Wrexham.

By law, under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, a listed building must be of special architectural or historic interest. The legislation is supported by guidance (Circulars 61/96 and 1/98) which explain the criteria against which candidate buildings will be assessed. The emphasis in these criteria is on national significance, though it explains that this cannot be defined precisely.

The listing criteria explain that the principal factors to be taken into account are:

Architectural interest - the lists are meant to include buildings which are of importance to the nation for the interest of their architectural design, decoration and craftsmanship; also important examples of particular building types and techniques (e.g. buildings displaying technological innovation or virtuosity) and significant plan forms;

Historic interest - this includes buildings which illustrate important aspects of the nation's social, economic, cultural or military history;

Close historical association with people or events of importance to Wales; and

Group value - especially where buildings contribute an important architectural or historic unity or are fine examples of planning (e.g. squares, terraces or model villages).

When considering buildings built after 1840 greater selection is necessary to

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identify the best examples of particular building types, and only buildings of definite quality and character are listed. The approach adopted for twentieth century listing is to identify key examples for each of a range of building types - industrial, educational, hospitals, etc - and to treat these examples as broadly defining a standard against which to judge proposals for additions to the lists.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government has carefully considered all of the representations made about the building, the written and visual evidence including the advice that Wrexham County Borough Council commissioned from Mr R Scourfield. The Cabinet Secretary has decided to list the former Grove Park School, Wrexham as a building of special architectural interest. I have attached to this letter the Cabinet Secretary's decision and a copy of the list description. Details of the listing will now be made available on our online database *Cof Cymru – National Historic Assets of Wales*.

This decision has immediate effect and introduces a requirement for listed building consent to demolish the building or alter, or extend it in a way which affects its character as one of special architectural or historic interest.

Yours sincerely,

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