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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2023 about the demolition of Capel Salem, Bonymaen, on behalf of your constituent Darren Mansell.

Swansea Council has responsibility for regulating works to listed buildings in its area. You may recall from my letter in April 2022 that the chapel was the subject of a dangerous structures notice under the *Building Act 1984* following Storm Arwen in November 2021. My officials in Cadw were advised by the Council that in complying with the notice to make it safe, the owner demolished the building immediately, but that listed building consent was not sought.

My officials in Cadw have contacted Swansea Council's Placemaking and Heritage Lead officer Mr Steve Smith, who has advised that the investigation into the demolition of Capel Salem remains ongoing, and a meeting will be held in early September to thoroughly review all elements of the investigation including legal advice with a view to determine a way forward.

Yours sincerely,

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