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From: Neil Bayliss <Neil.Bayliss@heneb.org.uk>
Sent: 06 November 2024 13:21
To: Sarah Hill; planning
Subject: FAO: Sarah Hill RE: P/2024/1407 at Wrexham Carnegie Library, Queen's Square, Wrexham
Attachments: Data submission requirements HER.jpg; Heneb Clwyd-Powys September 2024 - Level 2 HBR.pdf; Heneb Clwyd-Powys September 2024 - Registered Contractors.pdf; Managing Change to Listed Buildings in Wales May 2017.pdf

Good afternoon, Sarah,

Regarding the application referenced above.

Information available on the Wrexham County Borough Council planning portal includes a recommendation for a 'Level 3 photographic survey' suggested by Meilyr Powel at the RCAHMW. As far as we are aware RCAHMW do not have a remit to give planning advice unless a listed building is being demolished and as Heneb: Clwyd Powys Archaeology are the primary consultee for WCBC on archaeological matters their advice could conflict with ours which will lead to confusion and conditions being applied which may not actually be required. This building will not be demolished and therefore falls outside the RCAHMW remit for consultation and advice and we, along with the Built Heritage Conservation Officer, would be the primary consultees and only conditions requiring archaeological recording supplied by Heneb: Clwyd Powys Archaeology as a result of direct consultation with us should be applied.

From information held within the Regional Historic Environment Record (HER) indicates that the conversion will alter the Grade II listed 'Old Library', (LB no. 1852), which was constructed in 1907 as a library and lecture hall. This building is obviously a landmark in the Wrexham area, and integral to the street scene, and prior to the alterations an appropriate level of building recording should be completed before work commences.

In this case we would advise that a **Level 2 historic building survey** is completed in accordance with the Planning Policy Wales (Feb 2024) and TAN 24 (May 2017) guidance, and an appropriate condition is supplied below.

The **Level 2 survey** would include a detailed photographic survey, written descriptive survey, phased plans of the buildings development and a measured survey using annotated architects plans where these are available, or a new survey where architects plans are not of sufficient detail.

Level 2 Building Recording

Suggested planning condition to facilitate a programme of historic building recording, the equivalent of an Historic England Level 2 building survey, in order to allow an adequate analytical record of the building to be made prior to alteration.

No development shall take place until a programme of building recording and analysis, equivalent to an Historic England Level 2 building survey, has been secured and implemented, in accordance with a brief issued by the local planning authority and a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by an archaeological contractor and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The programme of building analysis and recording will be completed by an archaeological contractor and must meet the standards laid down by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists in their Standard and Guidance for the archaeological investigation and recording of standing buildings or structures. A copy of

the resulting report should be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and the Planning Archaeologist, Heneb: Clwyd Powys Archaeology (The Offices, Coed y Dinas, Welshpool, SY21 8RP).

After approval by the Local Planning Authority project data must be submitted and approved for inclusion in the Heneb: Clwyd Powys Archaeology Historic Environment Record. The full digital archive must also be submitted and approved for inclusion within the National Monuments Record, RCAHMW or the Archaeology Data Service, ADS

Reason: To allow an adequate analytical record of the building to be made, before it is altered, to ensure that the buildings' origins, use, and development are understood and the main features, character and state of preservation are recorded.

I have attached a brief for the Level 2 survey and guidance on sources of archaeological contractors who may wish to tender for this work. The chosen archaeological contractor will need to submit a WSI (written scheme of investigation) document to neil.bayliss@cpat.org.uk for approval before they can commence works on site.

The attached documents should be forwarded to the applicant/agent so that they are fully aware of the requirements.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this advice or require more information.

Kind regards,

Neil Bayliss