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There is a lack of an appropriate level of expert assessment within the supporting documents and the resulting approach is unfavourable. We recommend that a conservation architect or building archaeologist, preferably with timber experience, is engaged to assess the significance of the window in relation to the overall value of the building and its development and its place in the history of the building.

Once the significance of the window is fully understood, a timber window specialist should be engaged to assess the condition of the frame and its potential for conservation. From there, an informed decision on a proposal can be made.

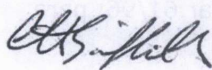
In its current form the application fails justify the potential harm to the significance of the building. I refer you to the advice in Welsh Office Circular 61/96 Appendix to annex D, particularly Para. 1 a)2; and 1 d)1, 3, 11 and 12.

Considering the retention of other blocked up windows and the existence of an existing window in this room, one solution may be to record and consolidate the early frame and to retain it as an internal feature within the property. However, any decision must be based on reliable specialist input, which we consider lacking in this case and is a requirement for applicants to supply (Welsh Office Circular 61/96, para. 69).

We would be happy to comment on any specialists reports which you receive and to discuss any alternative solutions if that would be helpful.

I trust these comments will be useful to you; please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further assistance. Please keep the Council for British Archaeology informed of any developments in this case.

Yours sincerely,



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CBA remit:

The Council for British Archaeology (CBA) was established in 1944 and is the national amenity society concerned with protection of the archaeological interest in heritage assets. Local planning authorities have a duty to notify the CBA of applications for listed building consent involving partial or total demolition, under the procedures set out in ODPM Circular 09/2005 and in Welsh Office Circulars 61/96 & 1/98.

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