

FAO Mared Rees, Wrexham County Borough Council

By email: mared.rees@wrexham.gov.uk

9th August 2018

Your ref. P/2018/0629

Our ref. 146927

Dear Mared,

External alterations and internal repairs at Gwydyr House, Wrexham.

Thank you for notifying the SPAB of the application to alter the Grade II listed house. Whilst we have not had the opportunity to visit the site we have reviewed the documentation and provide the following observations and comments.

A new conservation type rooflight is proposed on the rear gable which forms part of the original 'H' building plan which we understand dates to the late 17th or early 18th century. The insertion of a rooflight in this location has the potential to damage or affect the original roof timbers. We would urge the applicant to undertake investigative works, perhaps from the underside of the ceiling, to establish the significance of the timbers which may be affected.

We are supportive of the repair to the original lath and plaster ceiling using traditional methods. Should the applicant require any information or advice regarding an appropriate specification they are welcome to contact our experienced advisors on the free SPAB Technical Advice Line (0207 456 0916 Mon-Thurs 9.30-12.30).

We trust that our comments are helpful to you. Please let us know the outcome of this application in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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