

FAO Ms Sharon Holman, Wrexham County Borough Council.
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Your ref. P/2016/0860
Our ref. 32479

Dear Sharon,

Alterations to Pontricket Farmhouse, Wrexham.

Thank you for notifying the SPAB of the application to repair and covert the Grade II listed 17th century farmhouse. We have studied the information available on the planning section of your website appropriate and are supportive of this application.

The removal of the modern stonework behind the existing fireplace will enhance the overall aesthetic. This works and any other removal of modern finishes should be undertaken by hand and avoid the use of modern power tools. This will minimise the risk of damaging the historic fabric behind during the work. The stonework will also need to be repointed, this should be undertaken using a lime based mortar with aggregates to match historic mortar (preferably from a similar or adjacent location).

We have no objection to the replacement of the dormer windows. It is difficult to assess without a clear understanding of the buildings development but perhaps a horizontal glazing bar separating each pane into 2no. would proportionally appear better. The aperture of the ground floor windows appear smaller which better suit a single pane casement.

Should the applicant require any further technical advice we would be grateful if you could direct them to our free technical advice line, (0207 456 0916 Mon-Thurs 9.30-12.30). Our experienced surveyors are more than happy to help with conservation and building related queries.

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

Yours faithfully,



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