

FAO Ms Sharon Holman, Wrexham County Borough Council
By email: sharon.holman@wrexham.gov.uk

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Your ref. P/2017/0766
Our ref. 50849

Dear Sharon,

Closure of existing driveway opening at Esclusham Farm, Wrexham.

Thank you for notifying the SPAB of the application to alter the gateway within the grounds of the Grade II* listed Esclusham Hall. Whilst we have not had an opportunity to visit the building we have reviewed the online application and would like to provide the following observations.

The proposal involves the removal of 2no. (assumed modern) square pyramidal headed gate piers. The opening between the piers will be closed by extending the stone plinth wall and hedge. We are satisfied that no historic fabric will be affected by this change.

Unfortunately, we not familiar with the phasing and development of the site to comment on the closure of this section of the drive and any impact it may have on the principal routing, access or setting of the hall. It could be considered inappropriate if access via the principle drive was removed and meant that the only remaining access to the hall was via the ñback / secondaryò drive.

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

Yours faithfully,



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