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Littleoaks Barn, A539 From Iris Cottage To Lion Lane, Penley, Wrexham

Dear Simon,

Thank you for consulting the SPAB over the proposals to form a glazed link between the grade II listed barn and shippon. Whilst we have not had an opportunity to visit the site, we have reviewed the documentation submitted online and would like to provide the following observations.

The documentation submitted provides very little information regarding the proposed new glazed link structure and its impact on the 17th century barn/shippon and the 19th century structure. It is our understanding that there will be no alterations to the existing openings and that the glazed structure will infill the area between the structures.

We acknowledge that the design has been developed to express the new intervention in a contemporary and transparent manner but have some concerns regarding the extent of glazing and the potential impact to the existing fabric (in particular the timber frame) should the glaze link 'over-heat' during the warmer summer periods. We question whether there have been any studies to ensure that the existing fabric will be unaffected by the development. We query whether alternative materials and finishes have been considered and may be more in-keeping in this context.

We also note that there are no details showing the fixing of the new glazed link to the existing building. This information is essential to assess the potential impact of the proposals. Will the new glazing be supported by an independent structure?

In summary, we are in principle supportive of a new structure connecting the existing buildings but have some concerns over the lack of information included within this application for listed building consent.

We trust our comments are helpful to you.

Kind regards,

Elgan

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