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Dear Dr Tudur Davies,

Thank you for your email of 18 March and the additional information opposing Cadw's decision not to list the former Girls School, Aberthin Road, Cowbridge as a nationally important building of special architectural or historic interest.

I have received a considerable amount of correspondence about this matter and I know that there is a great deal of support for the retention of the School. I am grateful for the additional information that you have provided which I sent to Cadw for formal consideration. The new information has been assessed by Ms Judith Alfrey, Cadw's Head of Regeneration. In addition, I asked for all the information received by Cadw relating to the school to be considered against the listing criteria by Richard Hayman, an independent building historian and archaeologist <https://www.richard-hayman.co.uk/index.html>.

Ms Alfrey and Mr Hayman have considered the information separately and impartially. Both have concluded that the original decision not to list is in line with the criteria for listing and that the additional material provided does not alter that position. I have attached a copy of their assessments and have no reason to disagree with their conclusion.

I appreciate that campaigners are passionate about saving the building but my position is that I remain in agreement with the decision not to list the building.

I appreciate that my reply will be disappointing but as there is no real prospect of the building being listed, and if campaigners have not already done so, may I recommend that they submit representations to the Vale of Glamorgan Council so that their concerns can be taken into account in the context of local listing and in deciding the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

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