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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 8 April seeking my views on the petition led by Sian Ifan, asking that the Welsh Government be instructed to purchase Plas Cwrt yn Dre, Newtown.

I have considered the additional information provided by the petitioner with interest. However, there is nothing contained within this further submission by the petitioner that compels me to review the decision not to take the property into State care.

As the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage set out in his letter of 19 July 2012, the building is listed and the local planning authority is able to protect the character of the property, when a purchaser is found, through the requirement to obtain listed building consent for any works of alteration or extension which would affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest.

Yours,

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