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Dear Mr Dowd

**Notifications under Circular 01/2001, Circular 08/2009 &
T&CP (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010
STONYHURST COLLEGE, CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE, BB7 9PZ
Application No 3/2013/0298**

Thank you for your letter of 15 April 2013 notifying us of the application for listed building consent relating to the above site. We do not wish to comment in detail, but offer the following general observations.

English Heritage Advice

Stonyhurst College is a Grade I listed building which places it in the top 2% of buildings in the country listed for their outstanding architectural and historic interest. The proposal is to carry out essential fire prevention works throughout the building to ensure compliance with the Fire Safety Order 2005.

English Heritage welcomes the proposal to upgrade the fire protection system at Stonyhurst College. We recognise the necessity of the works and the significant public benefit of the proposed new smoke / fire detection system, alarms and devices to protect staff, pupils and historic fabric.

Our area of concern in our previous advice was the impact of alterations to existing doors on both primary and secondary routes of escape, where these doors are of historic interest and contribute to the significance of the Grade I listed building.

We commend the applicants approach and are pleased that they have taken on board the advice previously issued by English Heritage. We are happy that the interventions cause as little harm as possible while meeting the essential needs of fire safety within the college.



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Recommendation

We urge you to address the above issues, and recommend that this application be determined in accordance with national and local policy guidance, and on the basis of your expert conservation advice. It is not necessary for us to be consulted again. If you feel you need further advice, please let us know why.

Please re-consult us if there are material changes to the proposals beyond those necessary to address the issues we have raised. We will then consider whether such changes might lead us to object. If they do, and if your authority is minded to grant consent, you should notify the Secretary of State of this application in accordance with Circular 08/2009.

Yours sincerely

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