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Subject: FAO: Mr Adrian Dowd -3/2016/0236 and 3/2016/0238 - Friends Meeting House, Sawley Road Grindleton, Lancashire - Georgian Group Consultation response

Dear Mr Dowd,

Thank you for informing the Georgian Group of a proposal to undertake alterations to the above GII listed eighteenth century former Friends Meeting House. The Group wishes to forward the following very brief comments on this scheme.

Whilst the Group does not wish to object to these applications in principle certain aspects of the proposals are in need of clarification.

The building's most important internal spaces are the former meeting room itself and its enclosed gallery. The Heritage Statement somewhat underplays the significance of the surviving historic fixtures and fittings within the worship space which are relatively early and now rare survivals of their kind. It is not entirely clear from the supporting documentation that they are to be retained in situ, although it is inferred that this may be the case. Any proposal to remove them would need to be robustly justified.

We would urge your authority to ensure that there future is clarified prior to determining this application.

Yours Sincerely

James Darwin (Senior Caseworker)



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