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Dear Mr Macholc,

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Your ref: 3/2020/0852, 0853

Our ref: 3 2020 0852-0853-LCC

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Planning Applications 3/2020/0852 and 0853: Reroofing of existing building and installation of one en-suite shower room.

Lovely Hall, Lovely Hall Lane, Salesbury BB1 9EQ

Thank you for your consultation on the above applications. In principle the type of works proposed could be acceptable, but there is little information provided in the application as to the full extent of the works, the methodology and materials to be adopted and the consequential impact on the heritage value and significance of the site. As such we would echo the comments of SPAB and recommend that further information is obtained from the applicants prior to any planning decisions being made. In particular we would be concerned about the potential damage to or loss of early timbers from the roof during the re-roofing or woodworm treatments; as well as impacts to historic fabric by the insertion of the new soil pipe and other services.

We would suggest that if the woodworm treatment is undertaken then any 'preparation' should NOT include any de-frassing, unless this is shown to be absolutely essential. If rot or other damage to historic (i.e. not modern softwood) roof timbers is found, it is preferable that as far as possible this is repaired with matching timber splices, etc. rather than complete timbers being replaced. It would also be appropriate to consider, if consent is granted, if a photographic record of the roof structure should be required before and during the works and the need for any dendrochronology.

If or when further information is submitted we would welcome the opportunity to look it over and provide further advice.

Yours sincerely

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