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Dear Mr Macholc,

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 re-consultation on the above applications.

The new information includes photographs of the roof spaces, which indicate that significant heritage information is contained there. Of particular note is the truss which appears to be partially closed by wattle and daub panels and the "*large section trusses, purlins and ridge beams utilise[ing] irregular hewn timbers*". Some or all of the common rafters and the tile battens visible appear to be sawn replacements of 19th – 20th century origin. It is probable that, as stated, the tile battens and underfelt will have been renewed at some point, with the stone roof tiles being lifted and re-fitted (with new tiles as required). The underfelted areas have probably been re-laid more recently than those which have mortar torching.

The proposed lifting of roof coverings, tile battens and lead flashings will not impact the historic structure of the roof and it is assumed that serviceable tiles and slates will be retained and re-laid, with new or reclaimed matching items inserted as required to make up any shortfall. Care should be taken to avoid other damage to the roof and features such as the wattle and daub panels as part of these works.

We would recommend that if the woodworm treatment is undertaken then any preparation should NOT include any de-frassing. 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.

The specifications for such work and any necessary repairs will need to be agreed with the Conservation Officer as part of the scheme, and any significant repair works should be accompanied by the creation of a photographic record; indeed it could be cost-effective to commission a full drawn and photographic record of the roof whilst the coverings are off.

We would have no objection to the proposed removal of the plywood cupboards or the installation of new pipework into the extant floor voids.

It is hoped that the above is self-explanatory, but should you need more information please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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