

Ken Skates AC / AM
Y Dirprwy Weinidog Diwylliant, Chwaraeon a Thwristiaeth
Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref 131-49893; 132-49573
Ein cyf/Our ref KS/00346/16

Lesley Griffiths AM
Assembly Member for Wrexham
Vernon House
41 Rhosddu Road
Wrexham
LL11 2NS

Lesley.Griffiths@assembly.wales

23 March 2016

Dear Lesley,

Thank you for your recent letters regarding Grove Park School in Wrexham.

Following Wrexham County Borough Council's recent decision to demolish the building, my officials in Historic Environment Service (Cadw) received a request to reconsider Grove Park School for listing at the end of February.

I am minded to list Grove Park School. However, I am sure that you will appreciate that the listing of twentieth century buildings, where there are greater levels of survival, is not straightforward. I have therefore requested an independent peer review of the listing assessment, which will be completed by mid-April and a final decision will be taken after this has been made available.

Although the Historic Environment Bill has just received its Royal Assent, the provision relating to interim protection following a decision by the Welsh Ministers that they are minded to list a building, will not come into force until further secondary legislation has been prepared. However, I hope that Wrexham Council will await the final listing decision before making any decision to demolish the school.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Skates AC / AM
Y Dirprwy Weinidog Diwylliant, Chwaraeon a Thwristiaeth
Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

Bae Caerdydd • Cardiff Bay
Caerdydd • Cardiff
CF99 1NA

English Enquiry Line 0300 0603300
Llinell Ymholiadau Cymraeg 0300 0604400
Correspondence.Ken.Skates@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.