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To: You  
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Dear Paul

Thanks for your email, in response to your questions in so far as point 1 is concerned I have already confirmed in a separate email that I am unable to provide third party information. I don't intend to respond to every point that you have raised as some matters you have raised do not relate to planning and I don't want to get into protracted discussions as I don't think it will get us anywhere. Instead I propose to provide an update on the concerns you have raised recently and focus on our attention onto ensuring that the building doesn't fall into further disrepair by encouraging the owners to undertake the urgent works.

Although I haven't received any response regarding the Asbestos, I can confirm that I have received a further update from Mrs Erkman who had confirmed that the property is secure and she has provided photographs taken on 21<sup>st</sup> January showing both the Hall and Stable block and this shows these areas either locked or boarded up. I'm also aware that a caretaker visits the premises twice daily to check to see that the entire site is secure. I have provided this information to Environmental Health to consider if any action is necessary especially in light of this recent information.

I'm understand from Peter Wood, that Huw did have regular discussions with the builders up to November 2019 and agreed for some of the plaster work to be removed, as it had become unsafe and it was the intention of the builders that some were to be kept to make moulds to replace what was there. I'm also aware that agreement was made to remove the fire escapes. I would stress as well although we have been without a Conservation Officer for the last year, we have still been actively pursuing this case and external site visits have taken place last year.

I note that you have mentioned that last year there were three interested parties and both Peter Wood and myself did have discussions with them and we asked for detailed information to be provided which included details of their intentions etc. Although some information was supplied it wasn't enough to convince us of their desire to proceed through the Compulsory Purchase Order process it was more of a desire to purchase the building for the right price or to carry out works on behalf of

the Council. To be able to proceed with any such costly legal challenge the Council would need firmer assurances and possibly agreement to pay any costs incurred from this process and to purchase the building at market price but this has not been forthcoming.

As an update, I can confirm that the owners are still seeking to carry out urgent works and this will involve work to the roof to make it watertight and I understand the owners Heritage consultant is drawing up a schedule of works and at this present time our priority is to ensure that these works do take place. Once these works take place then we will need to review the situation further.

I will keep you informed of any further progress.

Regards  
Paula