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Dear Janet,

Petition P-05-949 Save Cowbridge Old Girl's School from Demolition

Thank you for your letter of 18 February regarding the petition from Sara Pedersen about the former Cowbridge Intermediate School for Girls. Ms Pedersen is one of a number of people that have previously written to Cadw requesting that the former school be listed.

My officials have very carefully considered all of the arguments put forward for listing the building but I am afraid that it does not meet the criteria to be listed at the national level. I attach a copy of Cadw's analysis and the final decision. My officials have advised campaigners to contact the local authority about the possibility of including the building in its list of County Treasures, and to ask for the significance of the building to be taken into account by the local authority when considering the application for planning permission for the proposed development.

I am unable to comment on the potential for funding to support conversion of the school to social housing through the Welsh Government's Social Housing Grant (SHG) Programme since this is a matter for the Minister for Housing and Local Government. I understand that the Programme can support both new build and renovation of existing properties. Local authorities are responsible for deciding which affordable housing schemes are a priority, what type of accommodation is needed in a specific location and which housing associations take forward the schemes for development.

Yours sincerely,

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