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Dear Sara,

Thank you for your email of 10 July enclosing a report from Mr Robert Scourfield in support of listing the Former Intermediate School for Girls, Cowbridge and asking for a decision not to list the school to be reconsidered.

In the light of Mr Scourfield's report I asked Cadw's Head of Regeneration and Conservation, Ms Judith Alfrey, to carefully consider the arguments that he has put forward against the criteria for listing, which I understand has previously been sent to you by Mr Rhodri Kelly. I attach a copy of her analysis.

On balance, I have no reason to disagree with Ms Alfrey's advice and, for the reasons explained in her analysis, I do not consider that the building meets the criteria for listing. I should explain that there is no right of appeal against the decision but it is open to you to seek legal advice on the merits of seeking permission to begin an action for judicial review. Further guidance is available [here](#).

I appreciate that my reply will be disappointing but there is a very high standard that needs to be met in order for any building to be listed on account of its special architectural or historic interest at the national level. That is not to say that this building should merely be dismissed because as Ms Alfrey points out in her analysis, the building has local importance. Therefore, the Vale of Glamorgan Council could consider taking the necessary steps so that this 'local importance' is taken into account when development is proposed. Further advice on this issue is available [here](#) and I would recommend that you approach the Council about the possibility of the former school being included on its list of County Treasures.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Cadw

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