



FAO: Planning Department,  
**Borough Council of Wellingborough**

Ref: WP/20/00799/LBC  
Date: 19/01/2021

## HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

**RE: Museum Tower, 19 Finedon Hall, Mackworth Drive, Finedon, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN9 5NL**

Built Heritage Advice pertaining to an application for: Listed Building Consent to carry out maintenance work to the Tower roof and to install a glazed 517mm x 980mm conservation roof hatch to the western roof pitch to allow for easy access to undertake regular ongoing cleaning of the gullies.

The building is Grade II listed as *Museum Tower, Bell Tower And Attached Outbuildings And Wall And The Old Chapel, Finedon Hall, And Attached Wall* (List UID: 1040633) and is located within Finedon Conservation Area.

I am unopposed to this application subject to the following condition:

- Prior to the installation of the conservation access roof light, a roof plan and section drawings showing the location of existing roof timbers, at scales between 1:20 and 1:5 as appropriate shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Works shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and shall be permanently maintained as such.

It is good conservation practice to avoid the cutting of historic timbers and to place rooflights where appropriate between rafters. The complex geometry of the roof, which I understand to be of partial reconstruction, means that there may be a number of roof timbers located at the proposed positioning.

Were the applicant to provide these details at this application stage, I would request that I be reconsulted and I would be happy to provide updated comments.

Yours sincerely,

Hector Martin  
Historic Environment Team  
Place Services



*Note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter*