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Dear

RE: 23/01195/LB Application for listed building consent for proposed demolition of utility for new kitchen/lobby extension and glazed link, part conversion of outbuilding Tower Farm, Station Road, Tower End, Middleton, Norfolk, PE32 1EE

Thank you for consulting the Victorian Society on this application, we make the following comments.

Tower Farm is a significant Grade II listed farmhouse dating from the C18 with C19 additions and alterations. Recent works to the building have removed much of the C19 interest of the building, but the small extension which forms the scope of these proposals is a notable C19 part of the building. It appears to retain historic glazing and the interior contains a fireplace and sink with handpump, these make a contribution to the evidential significance of the building, showing how the dwelling historically functioned. The extension also contributes to the legibility of the historic development of the building.

The demolition of this part of the building would harm the significance of the building by reducing its evidential value. The proposed extension would not deliver any discernible public benefits to outweigh the harm, the existing building is already a sizeable swelling.

Regarding the harm that alterations to the C18 parts of the building would cause, we defer to the Georgian Group.

The NPPF states that the significance of heritage assets should be sustained and enhanced (para 190a), and: 'When considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation' (para 199). This proposal would not conserve the heritage asset nor sustain and enhance its significance. We recommend the application is withdrawn or refused.

I would be grateful if you could inform me of your decision in due course.

Kind regards,







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