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Dear Ms Willows

Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2021

**WENTWORTH CASTLE AND STAINBOROUGH PARK HERITAGE, LOWE LANE,
STAINBOROUGH, BARNSELY, S75 3ET
Application No. 2025/1009**

Thank you for your letter of 28 November 2025 regarding the above application for listed building consent. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Significance

The Gun Room was constructed in the 18th century from brick with ashlar dressings and hipped, Welsh-slate roof. The fine character extends to the fine 18th century plasterwork. The Gun Room was likely constructed as a banqueting room which perhaps lend to its fine architectural character. It was subsequently remodelled in the 19th century from whence it was used as a gun room for the Wentworth Estate.

This significance is at risk of deterioration due to issues with the roof which is causing ingress problems for the roof structure and the fine interiors and consequentially the Gun Room is on Historic England's 'Heritage At Risk Register'.

Impact

The proposal would cause a small amount of harm by virtue of replacing a traditional slate roof with an EPDM covering.

The proposal will also have a positive impact upon the significance of the listed building in the long term through the protection of the fine interior plasterwork and prevent further water ingress which is harming the roof structure.



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Policy

Paragraph 212 of the NPPF states that, irrespective of the level of harm caused to the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be awarded to its conservation.

As per paragraph 213 of the NPPF where any amount of harm would be caused to the significance of a designated heritage asset this requires clear and convincing justification for the harm caused.

Paragraph 215 states that where a proposal would cause less than substantial harm this harm should be weighed against the perceived public benefits of the scheme and were possible securing its optimum viable use.

Position

Overall, Historic England are supportive of the scheme which seeks to provide a temporary solution for the Gun Room which will allow future conservation works with a view that it can be removed from Historic England's 'Heritage At Risk Register'.

Recommendation

Historic England supports the application on heritage grounds.

We consider that the application meets the requirements of the NPPF, in particular paragraph numbers 212, 213, and 215.

In determining this application you should bear in mind the statutory duty of section 16(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to have special regard to the desirability of preserving listed buildings or their setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which they possess.

Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

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