

Principal Conservation Officer – No Objection

The proposals relate to the visitor reception building which was formerly a coach house and stables for Leigh Park House which incorporated a bothy for the residential use of estate workers. The building dates to the late 17th century and is deemed to be curtilage listed.

The application seeks permission for alterations and refurbishment works at Visitor Reception Building

It is my view that the applicants have clearly and fully considered the proposals put forward in relation to the significance of the listed building. The listed building consent application covers a wide range of works as outlined in the heritage statement. These works form part of a scheme to restore and refurbish the building. Where new works are proposed they have been designed in a manner that respects the character of the building whilst resulting in minimal loss of historic fabric.

I am of the view that the scheme should indeed be commended for these proposals and they will all be in keeping with what exists currently whilst also restoring the building to a former glory. This is very much in line with current conservation philosophy and practice.

Conditions:

BRICKWORK REPAIRS

Any alterations and repairs to brickwork shall be carried out utilising matching materials, brick bond and jointing details. An appropriate lime mortar shall be used, the specification for which to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - To maintain the character and avoid damage to the listed building.