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(Submitted online via the Planning Portal)

Dear Ms Garside

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR ESSENTIAL REPAIR WORKS TO MOAT BRIDGE
APPLICANT: MR KAZUHIKO AKAO
SITE: DEVIZES CASTLE, CASTLE GROUNDS, DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE, SN10 1HL
PLANNING PORTAL REFERENCE: PP-14566491

I have been instructed by Mr Akao, the owner and occupier of the above property to prepare and submit the enclosed listed building consent application via the Planning Portal. The application includes the background set out in this letter as well as the information set out in the plans and supporting documents referred to below:

- The completed planning application form and Certificate A
- Drawing no. 2256 02 LOC B Location plan at scale 1:1250 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 006 Low level plan as existing at scale 1:100 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 007 Road level plan as existing at scale 1:100 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 106B low level as proposed 1:100 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 107C Road level as proposed scale 1:100 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 015 East & west elevations as existing at scale 1:100 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 215B East & West elevations as proposed scale 1:100 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 021 Sections A-A & B-B as existing at scale 1:100 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 022 Sections C-C & D-D as existing at scale 1:100 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 321B Sections A-A & B-B as proposed at scale 1:100 @ A3;
- Drawing no. 2256 02 322B Sections C-C & D-D as proposed at scale 1:100 @ A3;
- Structural Report prepared by Frank Haywood and Associates Ltd
- Design and Access Statement prepared by Scott and Twine Architects
- Heritage Impact Assessment dated January 2026 prepared by Sam Driscall;

As you are aware, the site was purchased in February 2022 by Mr Akao. My client is committed to the full conservation, repair and restoration of the Castle's buildings and its grounds, to enable its subsequent use as a family home which meets the highest conservation standards and also meets the needs of modern-day living. My client's team of specialist advisors have been working in close collaboration with both Wiltshire Council and Historic England, since November 2022.

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This application seeks Listed Building Consent for essential repair works to the existing Moat Bridge. The application is intended to address conservation repairs and structural remedial works only. It does not include any proposed alterations to the bridge. The work is necessary to sensitively repair and restore the bridge to the highest standards that are appropriate in heritage terms. The supporting Heritage Impact Assessment confirms that the proposed programme of structural and conservation works are considered essential to ensuring the survival and future use of the Grade II Listed Moat Bridge. The works will be of overall benefit to the historic structure which makes a positive contribution to the wider historic setting of Devizes Castle.

A Natural England bat license will be required prior to the proposed works progressing on the Moat Bridge. LBC is necessary before we can make the application to Natural England for the license. The license can take up to 6 weeks to obtain and the ecology window for the work to be carried out is limited to between May to early Sept.

In light of the above, I am sure you appreciate that there is a pressing need to obtain LBC and commence the repair works as soon as possible. The applicant is keen to avoid the imposition of any pre-commencement conditions on any forthcoming Listed Building Consent. Should you require any further details or information, I would welcome the opportunity to provide these during the determination of the application where possible.

If you need to arrange a site visit, please contact me on the number below or email me at cwatkins@lpplanning.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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