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Dear Guy Arnall,

Site: Gaer Primary School, Gaer Road, Newport, NP20 3GY

Ref: 26/0078

The Twentieth Century Society is the National Amenity Society charged with the protection and appreciation of post-1914 heritage. Thank you for consulting us on the listed building consent application for *the replacement of an existing roof lantern above stage in the assembly hall for a modern unit.*

Gaer Primary School was built between 1949 and 1953 and designed by Newport Borough Council architect Johnson Blackett. The school was constructed as the centrepiece of the Gaer Estate and is seen as an important example of early post-war school design. The building was Grade II-listed in 1999.

Although the removal of the rooflight will cause the loss of heritage fabric, in this case it seems to be justified as the existing rooflight is in poor condition and causing water ingress and damage to the historic building fabric below.

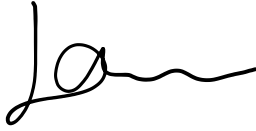
However, we object to the rooflight that has been proposed. Any new rooflight should match the existing one being removed like for like. The proposed rooflight shown in the Design and Access Statement, is too modern in character. We would like to see any new rooflight match the profile of the existing and the articulation of the glass should be as similar as possible.

We hope that these comments are of use to you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require further advice. We would be grateful if the Society could be informed of your decision.

Yours sincerely,

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