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The County Planning Officer  
Hertfordshire County Council  
County Hall  
Hertford  
SG13 8DN

Sir

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1971 (AS AMENDED)  
TOWN AND COUNTRY AMENITIES ACT 1974 (AS AMENDED)  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS IN  
CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1977  
FORMER BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to refer to your Council's application of 17 February for listed building consent for the demolition of buildings comprising the former Bishopswood School, High Street, Tring which is an unlisted building in a Conservation Area. The application was made in accordance with the provisions of section 277A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 which was introduced into the Act by the Town and Country Amenities Act 1974.
2. The Secretary of State has considered the information and photographic evidence submitted by your Council including the representations of the Dacorum District Council and Tring Town Council; no objections have been received in the Department following the public advertisement of the proposal. It is noted that the building is in an advanced state of decay and that expenditure is being incurred in the interests of public safety. It is also noted that your Council have given serious consideration to the possible rehabilitation and conversion of the buildings for alternative use in the public or private sector but that a viable scheme has not proved possible because of the limitations imposed by the structure and layout of the buildings and the excessive repair and conversion costs that would be necessary.
3. In considering whether or not consent should be granted the Secretary of State is required to have regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the conservation area. He notes that the mainly single storey buildings in question do not fit well into the surrounding street scene of red brick two or three storey buildings, and that in their present state they detract from the appearance of the Conservation Area. He is satisfied, on the evidence presented, that rehabilitation and conversion is not a viable proposition. He notes that the Dacorum District Council and Tring Town Council have no objection in principle to demolition. Therefore he hereby grants listed building consent for the demolition of the former Bishopswood School, High Street, Tring in accordance with the application No. 4/33 - 81. LB.CC dated 12 January 1981 and submitted on 17 February 1981.
4. It is assumed that the Council will have regard to the comments of the Dacorum District Council and Tring Town Council in exercising consent.

5. This letter does not convey any approval or consent required under any enactment, bye-law, order or regulation other than sections 55 and 56 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

6. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Dacorum District Council and the Tring Town Council. The photographs submitted with your application are returned herewith.

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

I D J ROW

Authorised by the Secretary of State to  
sign in that behalf