HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Chewton, The Street, Slinfold
DESCRIPTION:	
REFERENCE:	DC/25/0955
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice ~~/ No Objection / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal~~
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: The roof lights are not of a design that respects the quality of the listed building.	
MAIN COMMENTS: Dear Halima, The Velux model roof lights fitted to Chewton were originally designed for use on suburban houses. Due to the use of timber for Velux roof light frames the proportion of frame to glazing is greater with the result being a more bulky and conspicuous appearance in the roof slope. In comparison with the nineteenth century cast iron roof lights they are trying to emulate, Velux roof lights are inelegant. Two further design issues are the locking mechanism and metal cladding used by Velux. These result in additional thickness and protrusion of the frame cladding at the head of the window and visible joints in unexpected places where the individual cladding pieces meet. The modern steel framed roof lights are a much better visual match to the historic roof lights and maintain the more slender and subtle frame profile. For these reasons I cannot support the retention of the roof lights that have been fitted. However, I will not insist on the condition remaining in place. Please determine as you think best in the situation. Regards, Seán	

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS: N/A	
NAME:	Seán Rix
DEPARTMENT:	Conservation
DATE:	29.07.25