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Subject: RE: DM/25/1168 & 9 - Keysford Barn, Treemans Road, Horsted Keynes RH17 7EA - Planning Statement for Floor Insulation

Hi Anna

Thanks, that's noted.

Emily

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Hi Emily

Please see further information received from Alison Essex.

Regards

Anna

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Subject: GH841 Keysford Barn, Treemans Road, Horsted Keynes RH17 7EA - Planning Statement for Floor Insulation

Hi Anna,

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Thank you for forwarding Emily's comments.

I visited the site with Greg Heath, Senior Contracts Manager, and Mick Strudwick, Site Foreman from Fowlers. We spent some time reviewing the condition of the floors and discussing the work required. It is unfortunate that the extent of this discussion does not appear fully reflected in their notes.

For context, Mick Strudwick was recognised in 2024 as the *Sussex Heritage Trust Person of the Year* for his 33-year career with Fowler Building Contractors, during which he has worked extensively on numerous heritage sites. (See: [Sussex Heritage Trust 2024 Awards – Person of the Year](#))

Both Greg and Mick have considerable expertise in the refurbishment of listed buildings and barns, with proven methods for restoring traditional threshing and brick floors. During our inspection, we noted movement in the threshing floor, with some boards found to be loose and others secured only with timber dowels.

This means that, when labelled, they can be carefully lifted and remain intact.

In light of their experience and findings, we would appreciate it, if Emily could reconsider her position regarding this report.

With regard to the revised details, we can get these across to you early next week.

Best Regards,

Alison



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Dear Alison and Matthew

Further to your earlier email I have received a reply from Emily to your questions, see below.

Please contact me if you need to discuss the content.
Regards
Anna

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Hi Anna

Looking at the contractor's statement for the flooring, this provides two 'in principle' methods for lifting and then reinstating historic timber and brick floors. Although these methodologies are not contentious in themselves, there does not appear to be a specific commentary on their practicality in the context of the floors at Keysford Barn, bearing in mind their condition, and it is not apparent whether or not the contractor has viewed the floors in question prior to preparing the statement. Further information in the form of confirmation from the contractor that he/she has inspected the historic floors at Keysford Barn and that the methodologies set out will be practical in this context is therefore required.

With respect to the insulation, we would need to see typical revised details to be able to comment as to whether this reduction will be sufficient.

Thanks,

Emily

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Hi Emily

I see you have been copied into this email too. Please can you comment.
Anna

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Hi Anna,

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Did you get a chance to review my email and attached builders letter last week? Is the letter acceptable?

Would the reduction in insulation to the walls and roof also be acceptable?

We have adopted the other points raised by Emily, the above are the two outstanding elements.

Best Regards,

Alison



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Hi Anna, Emily,

I hope this email finds you well.

Please see attached the method statement for the flooring at Keysford Barn by Fowlers Contactors. We have also looked at reducing the external insulation for the barn and it could be reduced by 70mm, would this be acceptable?

We will provide the eaves detail that you also requested. However would prefer your thoughts before we finalise things.

Best Regards,

Alison



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