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Subject: DM/25/2998 & DM/25/2999 - Westhouse Farm, Albourne

Hi Katherine,

We have reviewed the Conservation Officer comments in detail and have made a number of amendments to the scheme.

- We have removed all of the built-in storage at first floor entirely.
- We have removed the ensuite bathroom from the rear room entirely, but have maintained the separate bathrooms in the front room as there are already two doors in to this room and a simple partition to divide the room we feel is not harmful to the buildings special interest and we do not consider two bathroom for a 4 bedroom dwelling is excessive
- We have also provided details on the floor, wall and roof make up in the single storey element, all using vapour permeable materials and plasters. The rafters would remain exposed and insulation would be fitted between and over as noted. We would expect the rest to be reserved by condition.
- We have also added notes regarding the proposed driveway material, again full details could be reserved by condition.
- With regards to the removal of the south wall of the single storey range. We have carried out some further investigation into this and looked at the alterations to the brickwork and the windows in detail.
- We have also and spoken to the previous owners who have been there for 35 years. They advised us that they were informed by the previous owner that the building was previously a forge, this would explain the sooted rafters. They also advised that the previous owner used the property as a horse stud and that the former forge was used as staff accommodation, and they believe the windows were inserted by them.
- It would appear therefore that the windows were added at high level to provide light into the staff accommodation whilst maintaining privacy for the occupier of the main house, hence the windows were set at high level to avoid overlooking of the main door in the host dwelling. The windows are uPVC and of no interest.
- It would appear therefore that these are not ventilation windows as suggested in our initial assessment and so are not of any historic interest.
- We have also had a look at the brickwork around the apertures, and it is clear this has been altered in modern times, evidenced by the mortar colour and quality of alteration. This also supports the case that these are not part of the former forge use.

We hope that the attached and above are clear and that you will now be able to support the scheme. If you have any questions, please come back to us.

Kind regards,

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