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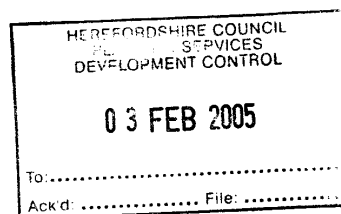
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Dear Mr Willmont

RE: ALTERATIONS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STABLE BLOCK FOR PROVISION OF 3, NO, HOLIDAY COTTAGES, NEWTON FARM WELSH NEWTON MONMOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE NP5 3RN.

I refer to the above-mentioned planning application which I understand has recently been acknowledged and registered.

This letter is submitted to support the proposal following necessary changes to the approach to the project as a result of the condition of the building. You will know that the original building was in poor condition. Nonetheless in considering the original proposal to convert it to 3 holiday lets, your authority did not require a Structural Engineers report upon the integrity of the building and its ability to withstand conversion works. Following Officer inspection, and in the light of your Council's prevailing policies for the area and such proposals your Council decided to grant planning permission.

The building was however, in poor condition with substantial undermining of foundations and corner walls in some location as a result of existing site drainage runs. As cautiously as Mr Gilling approached the work, the condition of the building deteriorated to such an extent that replacement work was necessary. Since then, of course, you will be aware that during a heavy storm, Mr Gilling reported to your Department that the roof and an entire wall had been lost. All of these issues have led to the current application which is submitted to produce the same building on the site but acknowledging the reconstruction works.

I understand that previously, permissions have been granted for holiday lets on this site and in the light of the planning permission granted for the equestrian centre and your Council's policies and

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national policies encouraging diversification of the rural economy, I trust you will feel able to support the current proposals, notwithstanding that less of the original structure will remain.

Yours sincerely



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