MEMO

TO: Horsham DC Planning

Halima Chowdhury

17th April 2024

Re: Oaklands House, Cowfold Road West Grinstead DC/24/0095

I have noted all the comments on the web site and they all seem very positive?

However, I believe the Agricultural opinion warrants a response.

The author of the report has based , to a large extent, his opinions from a site vist he made in January 2018 some six years ago.

Since that time Mr Bruce has reviewed his options and has made the decision to farm the land himself (as stated in the D&A Statement)

Bringing the land back into his husbandry requires storage as set out in the Statement.

Mr Bruce has been making enquiries regarding renting additional land local to his property but of course he cannot commit himself if he does not have in place an infra structure to support the enterprise.

The existing steel frame barn retained under approval (DC/10/0445) is not ideally located and is certainly not big enough for the proposed re-organisation of farming and storage.

It is quite likely this barn will be demolished once consent for a new barn has been granted.

This could be a Condition of Approval.

We would consider reducing the size of the barn at this stage, in order to secure a consent, and make a further application in the future to demonstrate the need for a bigger barn.

I hope you will consider this proposal as a meaningful way to find a solution to this application.

Clive Stillman