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BN5 9TA
1 August 2025

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Dear Ms Penne

I am the owner and occupier of Bassells, Blackstone Lane, Blackstone, Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9TA.

Thank you for your notification dated 24 July 2025 concerning the above planning application relating to the barn to the south of Bassells, Blackstone Lane, Blackstone, Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9TA.

I note that section 2 (Site Description) of the supporting statement to the application states the following:-

- The building is of steel frame construction clad with corrugated and metal sheet cladding on three sides with only the north elevation being open.
- The structure is capable of conversion without the need for new structural elements or demolition.
- The building is of sound construction and in good condition.

In addition Section 3.3 (Building Operations) states that the works proposed are limited to those reasonably necessary for the building to function as a dwelling, including:

- Cladding and re-roofing of the building

I wish to point out that both the roof and the sides of this building are clad with corrugated white asbestos cement sheets, a material commonly used in farm buildings and consisting of a mixture of cement and white asbestos (chrysotile) fibres. In addition arguably the building is not in good condition. I am surprised that there appears to be no mention of asbestos in this planning application.

While generally considered a low-risk asbestos-containing material, improper handling or removal can release asbestos fibres, posing a health hazard. As I live within 100 metres of this building, which is also adjacent to a public foot path I am concerned that removal of this asbestos should only be undertaken by a suitably qualified and competent contractor so as to avoid the risk of releasing this dangerous material into the environment where it could cause air pollution or affect public health.

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