**Heritage, design and access statement for proposed Moat Farm House and Barns General Preservation and Enhancement**

**Introduction**

This document has been prepared to accompany a proposal to carry out various long term repairs, renewals and enhancement of Moat Farm house and barns, with attention being shown to use sympathetic, heritage relevant materials and styles.

**Site Context and History**

The Helliwell family have been resident at Moat Farm since 23rd April 1922, they have always taken great care within their means and practicality to preserve Moat Farm’s heritage regardless of listing designation, ie pre-listed status and post scheduled ancient monument status on the site adjacent to the house and buildings (Moated site – hence the name). These works will continue this ethic of preservation and sympathetic renovation.

The only previous major works on the overall property were as a result of a compulsory purchase order administered via the county and district councils, part of the range of traditional buildings were acquired by the authority and demolished to make way for the Daneshill Road extension, the southern end of the former dairy was demolished and reduced in width, the councils contractors rebuilt the traditional dairy wall with modern bricks and window with wire reinforcement, this work is freely viewable from the public highway on Daneshill Road, this work was not carried out by ourselves. The adjacent range of buildings forming part of Gables Farm which is part of the wider Moat Farm holding were completely demolished by the authority and not rebuilt, Daneshill Road now sits on the site they previously occupied, a portion of land to the north of the road was retained by the council for vision splay, which was later sold by the council as a residential development plot for a modern style house.

**Physical Works**

Council approved, heritage experienced, reputable contractors and own labour will be employed to carry out all works, the major majority of the work will be manual. Any waste will be stored and recycled if possible or if necessary disposed of in line with current health and safety regulations.

**Access**

Only occasional vans and a telescopic fork/lift are required for the works.