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Restoration of Barn Adjacent To Moat Farm [REDACTED] Powdermill Road Leigh, TN11 8PY.

Dear Sir/ Madam

The barn shown on the enclosed drawings was built in the mid to late 1700's, and measures 9.8 m by 4.5m, it is not listed.

It was built in two phases, phase one measures 6.0 m by 4.5 m, phase two 3.8 m by 4.5m. Phase one contains a mezzanine floor. From the form of construction, I believe the original use of the barn was to provide storage of hay above the mezzanine, the lower floor to house animals.

The roof timbers have sustained serious damage due to recent gale force winds, and an inspection shows that wood rot was present. View A on drawing 104 and elevations on drawing 105 show the partial collapse of the Eastern gable, which was original vertical. Apart from damage to the roof, which would need to be rebuilt, the remaining elements of the building are restorable

In recent times the barn was used by the children in the family, for recreation purposes, such as, table tennis, and other indoor activities.

Moving now to the present . Mr S.Turvey the client and owner of the property is the sole director of LPA Legal, who act for some of the most successful law firms in the world, and provide strategic advice on expansion, and lateral recruitment of law firm partners.

Mr Turvey's role entails selecting and interviewing high profile partners, who are often leaders in their particular area of law. The work is highly confidential. and the partners prefer to meet Mr Turvey to discuss the projects, away from the city of London, to reduce the likelihood of being spotted by a colleague.

The Village of Leigh presents the perfect meeting place for Mr Turvey's assignments, and provides the ability to interview these high profile partners in the privacy of a restored barn, thus enabling his business to grow from strength to strength

The impact of the pandemic precludes partners from entering the main house, as Mr Turvey's Mother who lives with him, is highly vulnerable, having developed a serious illness

Yours Sincerely



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