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RE: Retaining Wall at Harrock Hill Barn

Harrock Hill Barn is situated on the slopes of Harrock Hill and the topography of the land is such that the dwelling and grounds are at different levels. The existing property and grounds already have steps, retaining walls and slopes to enable usage of the land in line with its topography.

Prior to the construction of the Garden Room, there were retaining walls at different levels on the land in question due to the need to prevent landslip which could cause considerable issues to Harrock Hill Barn and any surrounding properties.

The retaining walls referred to above, were necessarily removed to enable the construction of the garden room in accordance with the planning permission for this development.

It was, however, essential to construct a new retaining wall, effectively replacing those previously in situ, in order to address the land slippage risks identified above. For this reason, my firm concluded that it was necessary for the wall to be constructed with a proper foundation and from breeze blocks to provide the necessary strength and stability. The wall was then dressed in stone to match the adjacent buildings.

Removal of the wall would de-stabilise the land and create a significant on-going risk of land slippage and potential damage to Harrock Hill Barn and any surrounding properties. In short, the change in levels from the garage extension to the garden would have been unsustainable without the construction of the retaining wall.

Yours faithfully
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