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Dear Jane

re: Meadow Lea Cottage, 14 Church Street, Stiffkey

You advised that the Planning Authority had concerns with regard to removal of the rear and side walls at the above site.

With regard to the east facing gable, there would be such a limited section of wall retained, it would appear pointless to try and keep this wall.

On grounds of Health & Safety also the preferred option would be for demolition and rebuilding.

This has always been the agreed scheme.

Similarly on the west gable, extensive scaffolding would be required to retain the wall. The highway would need to be closed whilst new roof structure is being set and the wall would remain unstable until such time as the roof structure had been set.

Again on grounds of Health & Safety it would be far preferable to demolish the wall to eaves and rebuild from this level using reclaimed materials.

Small sections of the rear return walls would also be far preferable to be removed.

These walls would otherwise require very careful propping whilst underpinning is being made to the front wall and again this would not realistically be feasible in terms of Health & Safety with operatives working at such low levels under.

The facing materials can be salvaged and reset.

We trust this is satisfactory, however, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours sincerely

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