

Design and Access Statement

The planning application is for a change of use of the building from a Farm Office to be added to the accommodation of the accompanying domestic property. The present tenants of the adjoining building, Whispering Trees would like to include the farm office as part of their domestic accommodation. The internal layout will remain untouched and no internal work is required, no change to the external parts of the building or colour. The present tar covered, clay lump walls will remain untouched as will the pantiled roof. The present external doors in the east and north walls will remain as they are, with no changes to the building access.

There would be no additional car parking requirements or any external works to the surrounding area. There are no hedgerows, trees, ditches, or drains that would be affected in any way.

Heritage Statement

Whispering Trees, the barn conversion, situated beside Weggs Farmhouse is a Grade 2 listed building, Entry Number 1049578, first listed on 4th March 1977 and designated BARN IMMEDIATELY NORTH-WEST OF WEGGS FARMHOUSE, COMMON ROAD. Listing NGR: TM1684281786.

It is stated as being a “C17/18 timber-frame barn with new weatherboarding. Steeply pitched pantile roof with gabled ends. Modern garage door.” The building has since been converted into domestic living accommodation.

The stable block attached to the barn was converted into a farm office under South Norfolk Council planning permission reference 935680 dated 12th July 1993 and listed building consent from South Norfolk Council Reference W07/92/1651/LB and a statement from the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England, reference NA/02/93/NF dated 8th February 1993 advising that they had need to make a record.

No part of the original permissions have changed in any way with the presentation of this new application for change of use of the stable block to domestic accommodation and become part of Whispering Trees.