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To whom it may concern

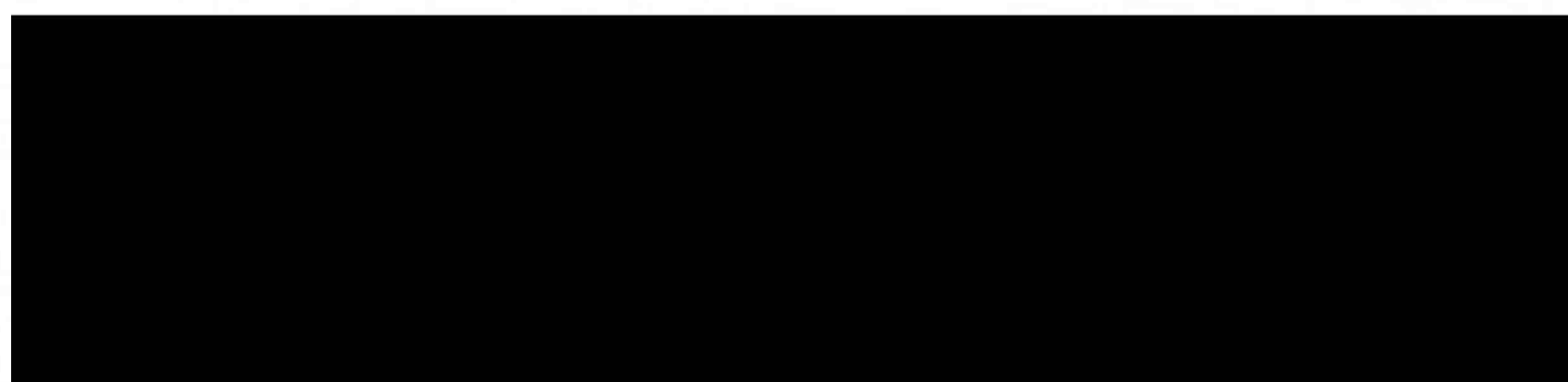
I would like to apply to change the use/permission on a barn conversion near the farm house, known as "Swallows Barn", from residential to farm use in order that I can use it as the farm office. I have been running and expanding the family farming business for the last 14 years and I currently use a room in the farm house to store documentation, send emails and make phone calls etc. Business meetings are generally held in the farmhouse kitchen.

Five years ago I got married and we now have two young children (age 2 and 4 years old). It was not a problem to run the business and have the office in the house when I was living there on my own, however now there are 4 of us living in the house and it is becoming increasingly difficult to run the business from the family kitchen and I need a dedicated space to work away from the noise of small children and distractions of family life to ensure I can concentrate in meetings and maintain a professional business image to my customers and associates.

The lockdowns and school closures resulting in increased home working over the last few years have highlighted how difficult it is to run the business from a busy house and Mid Suffolk would be supporting a family farming business if they allow us to change the use of this building to the farm office.

In addition, I would be prepared to accept a condition if necessary that it is only to be used as a farm office and not for any other commercial use.

It is also worth noting that allowing the change of use would not result in anyone being evicted or losing their home as the building is currently unoccupied.



Ross Williamson