

Mrs S Defoe
East Hertfordshire District Council
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Pegs Lane
Hertford
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11 December 2018

Dear Mrs Defoe,

RE: Proposed Conversion of Agricultural Barn to Residential Dwelling, at Brook Hall Farm, Long Lane, Aston End.

We have been advised that you have some reservations regarding the historic use of the barn we are seeking permission to change into a dwelling.

[REDACTED] the previous owner intensively worked the farm as a livestock holding, [REDACTED]. The livestock holding was predominately a cattle enterprise, with an element of poultry rearing.

The barn in question was used as a cattle barn until our purchase of the property, following the clearance of a significant amount of manure and hay, we have subsequently used the barn for the storage of our farm equipment, including the tractor and harrow, along with fencing materials etc. It has always been used in association with the agricultural use of the land in one guise or another.

The land has continued to be used by an adjacent farmer as an agricultural enterprise, and historically cattle have been reared, both bullocks and heifers, for fattening and subsequent sale, and to rear sheep, with them being rounded up into the yard most recently at the beginning of this month. The barns are surplus to the ongoing agricultural use of the land.

The wider land is also periodically cut and the hay either retained for feed/bedding or sold for the same purpose.

The agricultural use of the land is not as intensive as it was in the 70's and early 80's, but it is farmed, the barn we are seeking permission to convert to residential use is now surplus to requirement and not fit for any alternative agricultural purpose.

We trust this is sufficient information to enable you to support our application.

Yours sincerely

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Mr and Mrs Costin