Paradise Farm, High Street, Kempsford, GL7 4EU

Heritage Statement

Permission is being sought to re-thatch the existing roof to the house called Paradise Farm. The house is a grade 2 listed building dating from c.1600-1660. The only reason for it being listed is it is the only remaining thatched property in the village.

Unknown when the thatch was last replaced but it has now deteriorated to the extent that rethatching is required. If the re-thatching is delayed there is a danger of water penetration into deeper layers of thatch.

The thatch is about 3 ft thick and re-thatching involves removing an outer layer of thatch and replacing it with new. The materials to be used will be as near identical to those already on the roof (straw, hazel pegs and protective chicken wire). The re-thatching will not enlarge, reduce or otherwise alter any openings.