

Subject: App/19/01083 (Barn at Lower Road) & App/19/00427 (Housing at Lower Road):
Need for consistency in decision making.

Dear Daphney and Rachael,

I write to you both as the officers principally involved in the reports on these two applications. I have copied this email to a number of others who have asked to be kept informed on matters related to the latter proposal.

The Borough Council has now reached a decision on the application at the Barn and I have studied the content of the officers' report. I see a number of significant inconsistencies between this and the content of the report, yet to be determined, on the housing application. I have set out these findings in the attached statement. For ease of reference, you will see the extracts from the former are shaded and my findings follow them in red.

You will not be surprised to see that I believe HBC needs greater consistency in its findings and approach when you come to prepare the (revised?) report on the housing for DMC. In my opinion, the interpretation of guidance and policy used to determine the Barn application must be consistently applied to the housing application and a different conclusion and recommendation reached to help members to determine this application in a consistent manner that protects all the heritage assets located here.