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Our ref: L01605730

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Dear Mr Simmons

Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Directions 2021

**ROOKS NEST FARM, ROOKS NEST LANE, THERFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE,
SG8 9QX**

Application No. 26/00588/LBC

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2026 regarding the above application for listed building consent. The application describes how dismantling of the barn into its component elements of timber frame was carried out with the agreement of the conservation officer. It is unclear from the application how much of the frame remains or its condition and therefore how practical a reconstruction might be, but we are content to leave an assessment of this to the Council along with determination. We refer you to the following published advice which you may find helpful in determining the application and which relates to listed building consent and the conservation of historic significance:

Listed Building Consent (Historic England Advice Note 16)

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/listed-building-consent-advice-note-16/heag304-listed-building-consent/>

Making Changes to Heritage Assets (Historic England Advice Note 2)

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/making-changes-heritage-assets-advice-note-2/heag023-making-changes-to-heritage-assets/>

Managing Significance in Decision-Taking in the Historic Environment (Good Practice Advice in Planning: 2)

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/gpa2-managing-significance-in-decision-taking/gpa2/>



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The Adaptive Reuse of Traditional Farm Buildings (Historic England Advice Note 9, 2017) <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/adaptive-reuse-traditional-farm-buildings-advice-note-9/heag156-adaptive-reuse-farm-buildings/>

It is not necessary for us to be consulted on this application again, unless there are material changes to the proposals. If you would like detailed advice from us, please contact us to explain your request.

Yours sincerely

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