

RE: Whitley Farm, Wiltshire - 20/10129/PREAPP

To: Victoria Button; Geraint Jones; Sims, Steven; Natalie Aldrich

You replied to this message on 01/02/2021 10:40.

Dear Victoria,

Thanks for the prompts.

The updated proposal document you have sent through shows much of what we discussed recently.

The scheme now shown does include a more typical farmyard layout with a multi yard approach, varying building heights and a mixture of retention of historic buildings with new build 'conversions' of traditional farm buildings and more modern farm buildings in terms of style. This mix has the potential to result in an acceptable scheme with more detailed development of the plans.

I must heavily caveat these comments by saying that the principle of development is not yet acceptable, and I am commenting above purely on design, scale and layout matters. Having a potentially acceptable layout etc does not mean that the principle of development would be easier to justify.

Best wishes
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From: Victoria Button
Sent: 26 January 2021 17:44

Dear Russell

Thank you again for your time on Thursday.

As agreed in the meeting, we have explored in further detail the potential design of the conversion and redevelopment of Whitley Farm. We have reviewed previously approved examples in Wiltshire, including Trowle Manor Farm, and Historic England guidance. The attached document sets out our further design detail, including comparable examples and precedent images, and shows what we are aspiring towards. In particular, it provides our thoughts on:

1. Key Design Principles (with the site separated into three 'character areas' based on assignment of heritage significance);
2. Potential Building Heights;
3. Potential Land Uses;
4. Potential Materials for the three 'character areas'; and
5. Revised elevations for converted Listed Barn

We think we need to evolve the building heights for Units 1 – 10 in more detail, to provide a greater variety and maintain connectivity between the buildings. A scheme Geraint previously worked on, at Manor Court Farm, Purton Stoke (LPA ref: N/03/02319/FUL) shows this varied roof form with parking integrated (although unfortunately as the scheme is historic the plans aren't currently available on the Council's planning portal).

As mentioned previously, we are responding to the current Melksham Neighbourhood Plan consultation, which ends on Tuesday 2nd February. Therefore, we'd really appreciate your initial thoughts on the attached ahead of this (ideally by the end of the week), to allow us to feed into our response and provide the Steering Group with our evolved design in support of the site allocation.

Hopefully the attached and above all makes sense, but feel free to give me a call if you've got any questions.

Kind regards
Vicky