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Planning application 18/09517/FUL

Dear Sir,

This application relates to the conversion of at least a 100 year old barn on the outskirts of Keevil village to a holiday let.

It is clearly shown on the 1924 ordnance survey map as being adjacent to Southview Farm which was formerly owned by Wiltshire County Council.

This barn is no longer fit for modern day farming practices and is lying redundant.

A previous application for conversion to a dwelling was refused.

One of the main concerns was that access to and from the property by vehicles travelling from the west was poor vision due to the fact that the hedge and trees from Southview Farm protruded into the highway. This was commented on at a previous site meeting. The owner of Southview Farm has now had the thick hedge cut back which makes a big difference when driving from the west. I note that a new entrance is to be constructed on the east side of the barn with a large splayed lay-by at its front. This will be visible from vehicles travelling in either direction which at this point their speed should only be 25 miles per hour as they approach or leave the bend. Provision is made for ample parking on the site and not the road.

A recent change in government policy encouraged the conversion and re-use of rural buildings for tourism which, if approved, would apply to this application.

The building appears structurally sound and from the plans its character will not be altered. Its use will not detract from the appearance of the landscape. After all it has been there for over 100 years. Access by a builder can be gained by entering through a gate at the far end of the adjacent field without creating a traffic hazard.

As a let it would have access to all local services with the milkman and the bus passing the door.

I note that a planning application for an outbuilding conversion as a let was recently approved for Southview Farm, next door.

By making this barn into a holiday let it will be providing employment for cleaners, a caretaker and work for local maintenance engineers in the event of problems.

If approval was given for conversion the County and the owner will be ensuring that it continues to be a Keevil village landmark for another 100 years.

I support the application.

Yours sincerely,