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Structural Assessment

of

Barns

at Merri-Folde Garway Hill

for

Ron Farr

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Introduction

This report has been commissioned to assess the structural suitability of four buildings for conversion to domestic dwellings under Part Q of the Planning Regulations.

Under Part Q the structural requirement is that the buildings must already be "capable of functioning as a dwelling." ie be capable of conversion without substantial rebuilding. It is assumed that existing cladding and roof sheeting will be removed as part of the work.

Some parts of the buildings were inaccessible at the time of inspection, but a sufficient proportion was inspected to gain a representative impression of the condition

<u>Inspections</u>

The buildings were inspected on 11^{th} June 2024. They form part of a complex of structures at this site. The buildings have been designated Barn A – D as on the plan in the appendix. There are currently other structures on the site, but I understand that these are not currently proposed for conversion and may be removed.

Barn A

This barn is a steel framed structure with blockwork walls under a steel sheet roof. Rear and side walls are constructed of blockwork. The steel framing is in fair condition. The blockwork shows no significant movement or cracking.

I consider that this barn is in suitable structural condition to be converted into a dwelling.

Barn B

This barn is a predominantly steel framed structure with one main bay and lean-to side bay. The steelwork is in fair condition. As there would be no appreciable increase in loading onto the existing structure I consider that this building is in a suitable structural condition to be converted into a dwelling.

Barn C

This barn is a steel framed, barrel roofed structure with a single storey lean to section to the rear. It was presumably originally open sided, but has been clad at some point in the past with infill timber posts and rails. The steelwork is in fair condition.

I consider that this building is structurally suitable for conversion to become a dwelling.

Barn D

This is a single storey part solid blockwork- part mass concrete walled building with a steel truss roof structure. There are a number of small lean to additions. There is no

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apparent major cracking or signs of movement in the walls and the roof steelwork is in good condition.

In my opinion this building is structurally suitable for conversion to a dwelling.

Conclusion

In my professional opinion all 4 of the buildings proposed for conversion are in a suitable structural condition to be converted.

Andrew Collinson MA (Cantab)

Barn A



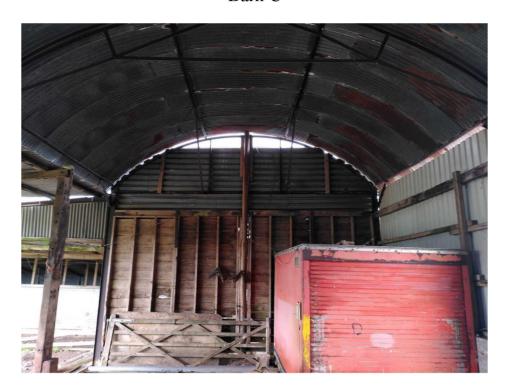


Barn B





Barn C





Barn D





