

Attachment to minutes of meeting on 15.07.14

Parish Council response to Planning Application for Land near Wood Barn Cottages
DC/14/1941/PN3

Dear Katherine Scott,

The Gt. Bealings Parish Council at its meeting on 15 July 2014 considered the application for the proposed change of use and conversion of the agricultural barn near Woodbarn Cottages and resolved to **object** most strongly to this proposal. The Parish Council consider the proposals are contrary to Strategic Policy SP29 and in conflict with the criteria set out in Policy DM13. We can see no justification for the conversion to residential use of what is clearly a modern agricultural building with no historic or architectural merit whatsoever. The applicants themselves acknowledge that the existing walls and roof will have to be replaced and the extensiveness of this rebuild along with the age of the building clearly do not match up to the criteria in DM13.

To claim the building is redundant is not necessarily borne out by the e-mail correspondence between the applicant and a local farmer who has expressed his interest in purchasing or renting one of the buildings at Wood Barn.

The Parish Council are also concerned about the potential growth in traffic on Seckford Hall Road and the track leading to the site as well as the effect future development may have to the existing domestic water supply at a neighbouring bungalow.

Above all if this proposal is approved it will set an unfortunate precedent both locally - there are two other barns near this site which may be viewed as candidates for future applications - as well as elsewhere in Suffolk Coastal.

Eric Barnett , Chairman