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Dear Mr Hicks,

Re: Manor Farm, Carlton Road, Barton in the Beans, Warwickshire

Further to an e-mail forwarded to myself from Stephen Buckingham of Fox Bennett, I would like to take this opportunity to comment as follows:

The building Control Officer has returned to our report for the survey carried out on Friday 17th April 2009. It is stated that the work we have identified 'will require significant take down and rebuilding of certain elevations which would naturally not be acceptable in the country side'.
This is not the case. We are not proposing to rebuild any elevations and all work as detailed is intended to be carried out to maintain and preserve all external fabric of the structure.
Generally we are proposing to:

1. Strap rafters and tops of walls together to prevent further bowing.
2. Introduce floors into the building to provide an additional restraint to the external walls.
3. Replace missing bricks as and where required; note this is replacement and not removal.
4. Where there are cracks they are to be stitched using helibar reinforcement which involves scraping out mortar joints and installing the bar. Again, this will preserve the external wall and does not require the wall to be taken down or rebuilt.

Therefore the extent of rebuilding will not require to be quantified as we do not intend to rebuild any of the original walls. We only intend to assure the structural integrity of the walls by the least invasive methods.

Yours sincerely

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cc. Stephen Buckingham, Fox Bennett

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