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APP/K2420/A/09/2101955/NWF

Common Farm, Barton Road, Market Bosworth

Dear Sirs,

The application site is in open countryside, and closer to the Hamlet of Carlton than to the Rural Centre of Market Bosworth. However, the site is in the Parish of Market Bosworth.

Carlton Parish Council (the PC) had no objection to the original proposals to convert these barns into two dwellings, as the original footprint and outward appearance of the buildings would be preserved. The PC therefore made no comment on planning application 09/00029/FUL which is the subject of this appeal, nor on an earlier application (08/00978/FUL).

The PC considers that the original consent for the conversion (05/00197/FUL) should have taken full account of the structural condition of the buildings at that time. If the buildings had been considered unstable, consent should not have been granted, or should have been made conditional.

The PC considers that it is unreasonable to refuse permission for rebuilding in cases where an unexpected problem has come to light, or an accident has occurred during the conversion process. By this stage of the works, the applicant will have entered into financial commitments, and could in theory be left with a vacant site incapable of development.

The PC recognises that the Borough Council has acted in accordance with planning policies and legislation in refusing this application, but nevertheless believes that this decision was not justified in the circumstances.

Carlton Parish Council recommends that this appeal should be allowed.

Could you please send the Parish Council a copy of the appeal decision.

Yours faithfully,



C J Peat