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Dear Mr Neville,

RE: Mawles Farm, Pound Lane, Sibford Gower OX15 5RW

I am writing to express my support for the proposed development at Mawles Farm to convert the farm buildings into two residential homes.

Since moving to the village a year and a half ago, Mawes Farm has always seemed such a waste in its current state - it is located in the heart of the village - a lovely stone building which, at the moment it is simply being used only as a glorified notice board for local events, covered in chip board! I would love to see these buildings' future secured in a sympathetic way, as opposed to being left to rack and ruin. I have studied the plans and they appear to be very sensitively done, to ensure none of the original features are lost and that it remains an attractive building within the village. The conversion of the steel barn and surrounding landscaping will help tidy up the interior of the site and improve the farm setting generally and thereby enhance the backdrop to the stone barns. I also support the fact that the proposal does not propose extra buildings – just filling those that exist.

As far as I can see, the new plans include off street parking - a huge bonus in a village where on street parking is in short supply and the proposals at Mawles Farm would provide the village with well designed, attractive new dwellings of an appropriate scale that respect and enhance the character of the local area. I therefore urge Cherwell District Council to approve the application.

Yours sincerely,

Camilla Bankes