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Cherwell District Council
Planning Application Objection
Bodicote House
Bodicote
Banbury
Oxfordshire
Attn: George Smith

Ref: **20/01554/Q56 Barn , Folly Farm**

PLANNING APP OBJECTION

Dear Sirs

I wish to object to the proposed development.

NEED FOR BETTER SURVEY

Firstly, the engineers report that is offered in support of the application appears to base its contents on solely a visual inspection of the existing steel structure and fails to identify the impact or extent of any corrosion that may be present "out of sight" upon the structure. Due to the age of the structure, It is highly probable that the vertical supports will have suffered corrosion where they are in contact with and below ground. With the limits of the current report, the extent of any reduction in integrity cannot be identified.

NOT AN HONEST ASSESSMENT NOR APPLICATION , SHOULD BE FOR A NEW FREE STANDING HOUSE

Secondly, with this in mind, it would come as no surprise to find that following approval by you (if the application succeeds) that the applicant then finds corrosion of the old structure, which results in the old structure having to be removed on safety grounds, and what would be in essence replaced by a totally new building, that had circumvented normal planning approval.

Please see attached photos of the tin lean to which is called a barn.....

CHANGE THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA AND THE VIEWS BETWEEN TWO CONSERVATION VILLAGES

There are wonderful views from the Footpath that cuts clear across this land.

Notwithstanding that, how would the proposed metal clad "house" fit into the typical appearance and aesthetics of property in the area? It is hard to imagine that such a building would not have adverse impact upon the area.

With regards access, whilst it is accepted that the building enjoys agricultural access and use, it has historically been infrequently accessed by mechanical vehicles. Conversion to access for domestic vehicles would dramatically increase the traffic to and from such a development. Traffic in the area is already due to substantially increase due to the approval for the nearby 20+ house development.

With all of the above points in mind, I ask that you consider **REFUSAL of the application.**

Brenda Vandamme