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No problem with the principle of redevelopment of the farm buildings site. The building are past their useful life, and as a brownfield site this falls within Cherwell criteria for building within the village perimeter.

However, we do have some reservations about the footprint of the outline proposal. The new buildings are roughly on the same footprint as the buildings 6,7 &8 (in the heritage survey) they are replacing, but the level of activity associated with an independent domestic use will encroach more on the Grade II listed farmhouse than did the ad hoc development of farmyard buildings.

While this very big improvement is being made to the built enviroment in the curtilage of the listed building we feel the opportunity should be taken to create a more open courtyard effect in front of Crockwell House by pushing the nearest new dwelling a little north, or by putting the north-south wing to the back.

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Thanks and regards

Stephen M Bowen

Clerk

The Bourtons Parish Council