Tyne Hill Farm Sibford Gower Banbury Oxfordshire OX15 5AD

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Mr Bob Neville Planning Department Cherwell District Council Bodicote House Bodicote Banbury OX15 4AA

Dear Mr Neville

Your Reference: 18/00640/F Application for new private driveway to Tyne Hill Barn.

Comments in Support of Application

Subject to certain considerations, we would not object to the proposed new drive.

The current access to the property has been in use since 1990 when the old farm buildings were converted into a single private dwelling - future development being restricted by covenants that stopped the property being used for anything other than as a single private residential dwelling.

The present access has been used during this time by the current owners of Tyne Hill Barn for both private use and for extended use as a commercial property and for holiday lets. There have been no incidents regarding SAFETY where the existing drive meets the B4035 during this time.

It is noted that the Traffic Survey was carried out on 5th December 2017 being at a time of year when traffic is at its minimum. During the Spring and Summer months the Sibford Road carries a considerable amount of fast moving and large farm machinery. The submitted plans do not seem to accurately portray the steep gradient of the proposed new drive up to the Sibford Road.

We trust the Council will fully consider the effect of the new drive upon the landscape. DLP in their application paragraph 7.5 have not recognised one of 5 constraints on the property which is the land being deemed of 'high landscape value' in CDC Adopted Local Plan 1996.

For the Council's information the extended use of Tyne Hill Barn (for commercial purposes and holiday lets) has been deemed unlawful by the Courts. Copy of Court Order dated 1st May is attached.

We cannot help but wonder if the new drive is the start of development at the Tyne Hill Barn site and if we will next see applications for further houses on the site? With such a drive any objections due to restrictions on access would no longer act as a hurdle for such development.

Yours sincerely



Dr Martin Harris and Mrs Gay Harris

Enclosure