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Dear Ms Kavyani

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**WINGFIELD BARN, CHURCH ROAD, WINGFIELD, EYE, SUFFOLK, IP21 5RA
Application No. DC/19/00733**

Thank you for your letter of 28 February 2019 regarding further information on the above application for planning permission. On the basis of this information, we do not wish to offer any comments. We suggest that you seek the views of your specialist conservation and archaeological advisers, as relevant.

It is not necessary for us to be consulted on this application again, unless there are material changes to the proposals. However, if you would like detailed advice from us, please contact us to explain your request.

Yours sincerely

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Consultation Response Pro forma

1	Application Number	DC/19/00733 Wingfield Barns	
2	Date of Response	25.3.19	
3	Responding Officer	Name:	Paul Harrison
		Job Title:	Heritage and Design Officer
		Responding on behalf of...	Heritage
4	Summary and Recommendation (please delete those N/A) Note: This section must be completed before the response is sent. The recommendation should be based on the information submitted with the application.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Heritage Team considers that the proposal would cause <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less than substantial harm to a designated heritage asset because historic fabric would be lost, and the characteristic layout of the building compromised; • the level of harm is rated low. 2. The Heritage Team recognises that the alterations will secure continuing use of the building and support beneficial use of the wider site, which can be considered as public benefits. 	
5	Discussion Please outline the reasons/rationale behind how you have formed the recommendation. Please refer to any guidance, policy or material considerations that have informed your recommendation.	<p>The building is originally a combined cartlodge and granary, of the type often found associated with substantial farms and built in the first decades of the 1800s when intensification of arable farming required separate grain storage. The first floor was often accessed separately with its interior lined with finely jointed boarding and plaster to protect grain from pests. The interior of this building was separated into bins by boarding.</p> <p>Structurally the building is superior to many examples. Instead of a random group of salvaged framing timbers, this building appears to be an entire building carefully reduced in size to meet its new function. As such it may preserve much of an earlier building from the site. However, the timbers to be removed do not seem to be related to the structural frame. The floor joists affected have been exposed for inspection and appear to have been re-used at least once. Apart from being salvaged from a previous building, they make only a very modest contribution to the building's significance.</p> <p>At ground floor opening-up has shown that re-used historic timbers stand alongside more recent timbers in the stud partitions. The drawings propose that the precise position of doorways should be fixed following final opening-up. We would prefer this to be finalised before any grant of consent. Account should be taken</p>	

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		of the position of central posts and raking braces which form part of the structure.
6	<p>Amendments, Clarification or Additional Information Required (if holding objection)</p> <p>If concerns are raised, can they be overcome with changes? Please ensure any requests are proportionate</p>	<p>We would prefer to see a plan of the ceiling / floor structure clearly identifying which timbers are to be removed and which retained.</p> <p>The drawings should clarify whether the existing external stair is to be retained.</p>
7	Recommended conditions	

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