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Our Ref: ECC/EN/18/00005

Date: 2 March 2018

Dear Mrs Stanley

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Breach: Alleged unauthorised works to agricultural building at Strawberry Fields, Holford

I refer to your enquiry regarding the above. My colleague Ann Dunford and I visited the site on Monday 26th February 2018 regarding the above.

It was noted on site that the owner has carried out substantial earthmoving works in connection with the construction of the agricultural building on the site, these are considered to amount to an engineering operation requiring planning permission. It was also noted that they have installed a flue and log burner in the building, the flue also requires planning permission. The building is not now considered to be built in accordance with your prior notification application ref 3/16/13/014; the height has been increased due to the excavation works and having viewed inside the building, it does not resemble an agricultural building to be used for the storage of agricultural machinery, feedstuffs, rainwater collection and hygiene and welfare. It appears the majority of floor area is for domestic purposes not agriculture. As such a breach of planning control has occurred. In order to remedy the situation I have advised the owner they are able to submit a retrospective planning application within the next 28 days seeking retention of the alterations as carried out. The invitation to submit such an application does not necessarily mean that permission will be granted and if permission is refused or if no application is submitted the Council will have to consider whether or not it is expedient to pursue further more formal enforcement action.

If you have any further questions about this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Stacey Salter
Planning Enforcement Officer