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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Land to the south west of Doctors Hill, Ashley, Box Corsham, SN13 8AT
Planning application for part change of use of Barn for residential purposes
Retrospective application.

We are pleased to enclose our client's application for change of use of part of an existing barn attached to a paddock to the south west of Doctors Hill, Ashley, Box. This application is necessary due to a complaint from a local resident that the owner had been living on site in contravention of the Town and Country Planning Acts.

We enclose the following

1. Completed application
2. Site plan
3. Block plan
4. Photo of barn
5. Design and access statement

Planning permission was granted for an 'American Barn' on 24th Feb 2020 and has been used to stable horses in compliance with the conditions attached to the consent. Following a recent visit on 24th Nov 2025 by the council planning enforcement officer, Jo Stewart, the owner commissioned us to prepare and submit a retrospective application for part residential use in view of the recommendations made by Jo Stewart. She did mention that no further action by the council would be forthcoming if the residential use was stopped, but pragmatism favoured the submission of this proposal so that the owner could continue to provide 24hour site monitoring in the interests of the welfare of her horses which had tragically suffered in the past when she was not resident.

The proposal and reasoning behind this application are set out in the accompanying Design and Access Statement. There is no doubt that onsite management of the horses within the applicant's care is necessary and in the welfare interests of them. The principle issue to consider is whether any detrimental impacts caused by using a small

part of the barn for accommodation outweighs the welfare benefits of horses within the owner's care.

Our case for allowing this small change of use is amply made in our Design and Access Statement. We trust that our proposal will be assessed fairly and pragmatically, and look forward to engagement with your officers in the event of any matter arising.

Yours faithfully

Martin Farrell