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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Land to the south west of Doctors Hill, Ashley, Box Corsham, SN13 8AT
Planning application for retention of summerhouse.
Retrospective application.

We are pleased to enclose our client's application to retain the summerhouse adjacent to 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 constructed the building 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 summerhouse
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 of the barn, and for the retention of the summerhouse. She did mention that no further action by the council would be forthcoming if the residential use was stopped, and the summerhouse removed. A separate application has been made for retaining the residential use of the barn, so this proposal is for the summerhouse only.

The proposal and reasoning behind this application are set out in the accompanying Design and Access Statement. There is no doubt that the amenity offered by the summerhouse will enhance the experience of the owner as she exercises her lawful rights of onsite management of the horses within her care and the welfare interests of

them. The principle issue to consider is whether any detrimental impacts caused by the existing summerhouse outweighs the welfare benefits of horses within the owner's care and the amenity value provided to the owner.

Our case for allowing the retention of the summerhouse 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