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Dear Andrew Minting

**Arrangements for Handling Heritage Applications Direction 2021 & Planning
(Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**MANOR FARM HOUSE, WYLYE ROAD, HANGING LANGFORD, SALISBURY, SP3
4NW, ENGLAND
Application No. PL/2026/01634**

Thank you for your letter of 06 August 2026 regarding the above application for listed building consent.

Historic England has a tightly defined remit and is notified of works in respect of any grade I or II* listed building and relevant works in respect of any grade II listed building including the demolition of a principal element.

Manor Barn is within the curtilage of the grade-II listed The Manor House. The proposed works comprise the removal of the existing top layer of thatch and re-covering the roof using water reed. Whilst the proposed change of thatching material will cause harm to the significance of Manor Barn it does not constitute demolition.

We would however highlight that the documentation submitted with the application dates from February and March 2026. The heritage statement references that the earliest opportunity to re-evaluate supply is likely to be in August and September 2026, the end of this year's harvest season. Indications from suppliers in the South West is that this year's straw harvest is fairly positive, although it may take a few months for the material to enter the supply chain.

Your authority will need to satisfy itself in its consideration of the application for a change from straw to water reed that the tests for the replacement of the vernacular thatching material have been met. We refer you to the following published advice which you may find helpful in determining the application:

[Conservation of Traditional Thatch | Historic England](#)



[Change of Thatch Materials - supporting information list](#)

We also 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.

Yours sincerely

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