

**ADC Planning Consultation
Response from the Historic Buildings Adviser**

Application Number	WA/87/11
Address	Bramble Barn, Binstead
Description	Proposed Orangery
Case Officer	Janice Chapman
Site Visit	7 December 2011

Comment

The main issue with this scheme is the design, if not the concept of attaching an orangery to a barn. Orangeries by their very nature are traditionally a high status structure associated with larger houses. They were particularly popular from the 17th to the 19th centuries and more often were classical in style and detail. Modern orangeries tend to continue to borrow from this tradition.

On the contrary, barns are agricultural, commercial buildings that are generally vernacular in form and material. They are completely different in terms of character, appearance and status. Bringing the two together is therefore inappropriate and cannot be recommended.

If anything is to be permitted here, it should be a design that is reflective of the host building's more vernacular origins and rural position. In this respect an oak timber-framed structure with a pitch roof is likely to be more sympathetic as an addition. This of course would be subject to scale and design.

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