

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

Application Number	Y/89/13/L
Address	Hobbs Court, Bilsham Road, Yapton, BN18 0JY
Description	Application for Listed Building Consent for proposed conversion of outbuilding to single dwelling.
Case Officer	Simon Davis
Site Visit	Previous

Objection

Whilst the principle of developing this building is unlikely to be an issue in historic environment terms, there are some concerns with the proposal. Firstly there should be a greater understanding of the existing building and its history on this site and secondly the elements of design should seek to better reflect the agricultural nature of the site.

The building is understood to be a former piggery and as such could inform the history of the site more generally. English Heritage has stressed the importance of so-called lesser farm buildings which are often lost through development pressure, but are often important to understand farm development. In some instances they should be retained, but where they have been altered or have lost excessive levels of fabric there could be an argument for making a simple building record to be added to the County HER, prior to further alteration or total loss.

With respect to the design this should be improved. Whilst the elevations facing the barn are largely acceptable, the banks of large doors are not so convincing in this regard and need further amendment. Consideration should also be given to the treatment of the landscape/garden so that it does not appear overly domestic or suburban in character.

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