

Wellington Heath Parish Council

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To HCC Mr Fernando Barber -Martinez
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Planning application 160174 Swallow Farm Annex, Wellington Heath

Dear Sir,

Wellington Heath Parish Councillors support this planning application subject to the following :-

- 1) The proposed metal chimney is not ideal, especially on a single story building set below the road level. The chimney would be very prominent, and almost at eye level with walkers on the Geopark Way and Herefordshire Trail only a few metres away. A discrete balanced flue in the north wall or a brick / stone chimney in the west wall would be more suitable in this sensitive location in the AONB.
- 2) Details should conform to the Malvern Hills AONB Guidance on Building Design, e.g. choice of paint colours.

The long delayed restoration of the farm building on this site will be welcomed and hopefully this will soon enable the repair of the adjacent road which has been in appalling condition for many years. We have no difficulty with the increased size of the building footprint since it is still of modest scale, simple form, and individual design consistent with Malvern Hills AONB Guidance on Building Design. It respects the former building and materials have been reclaimed for reuse in the new building.

Whilst we would like both the building restoration and road reconstruction completed as soon as possible, we would ask for the applicant to be treated sympathetically especially since the complexities of combined road work and building restoration may cause delay.

C F Rozelaar
Chair of Wellington Heath parish council planning committee