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ERECTION OF LEAN-TO CONSERVATORY AT LOWER FYFETT BARN, OTTERFORD

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LISTED BUILDING CONSENT-WORKS

PROPOSAL

The proposal comprises the erection of an oak-framed conservatory with stone plinth, to the front elevation of a stone barn which has been converted to a dwelling

Lower Fyfett farmhouse is a listed building Grade II.

Planning permission and listed building consent were refused in April 2005, references 29/2005/004 and 29/2005/005LB respectively, for the erection of a conservatory.

CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

CONSERVATION OFFICER proposal similar to that refused by 29/2005/004 & 005LB. Form on conservatory at variance to simple linear form of barn and would appear as a modern incongruous feature, at variance with its agricultural origins and character. Objection raised.

PARISH COUNCIL does not object

POLICY CONTEXT

Taunton Deane Local Plan Policies EC16 and EN17 and Somerset and Exmoor National Park Joint Structure Park Review Policies STR1 and 9 seek to safeguard the character and appearance of listed buildings.

ASSESSMENT

The proposal is considered unacceptable in principle, despite the improvement in materials from UPVC to oak when compared with the previous refusals. A conservatory would adversely affect both the character and appearance of the listed building, and the integrity of the building as a former agricultural barn.

RECOMMENDATION

Consent be REFUSED because of the adverse impact on the character and appearance of the listed building and on the integrity of the building as a former agricultural building.

In preparing this report the Planning Officer has considered fully the implications and requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998.

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