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12th August 2021

BY EMAIL ONLY

Development Management,
Copeland Borough Council,
Market Hall,
Market Place,
Whitehaven,
CA28 7JG

Dear Mr Hayhurst / Mrs Burns

RE: Structural integrity of historical barn @ Croft End Farm, Nursery Road, Beckermeth

Outline Planning Application (Your Ref: TA/2021/697)

We are writing on behalf of our clients, John Hodgson and family, to confirm that we visited the above-referenced site on 14th November 2021. We can confirm that during the site visit we conducted a detailed inspection of the historical barn at the front of the site and we are firmly of the opinion that the barn is structurally sound and capable of conversion. The building has been well maintained and the building fabric is in good order.

WDP Architects have extensive experience of Barn Conversions across Cumbria, Yorkshire and wider North West area and we have no hesitation in providing Copeland Council with the requested assurance that the building is in a good structural condition. We are satisfied that the building is capable of conversion into residential accommodation subject to agreeing the detailed design at the Reserved Matters stages of the full planning application process.

We can confirm that WDP Architects have historically worked on traditional barns that are in a far worse state of repair than the subject barn. The applicant has explained that the barn is no longer fit for their modern agricultural practices due to the unsuitable layout and village centre location and therefore, the proposal to convert the barn into residential units provides a wholly sustainable use for this redundant building.

We trust the above is of assistance and please do not hesitate to revert to either Russell Adams or myself if you wish to review matters further.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
The Wright Design Partnership Ltd

Allison Powell
Chartered Architect