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From: Planning
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Subject: Application Comments for AWDM/1319/14

Planning Application comments has been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 7:43 AM on 16 Oct 2014 from Dr Duncan Philips.

Application Summary

Address: 1 Mill Road Lancing West Sussex BN15 0PT

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent for retrospective re-thatch and repairs to roof

Case Officer: Lawrence Simmons

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Customer Details

Name: Dr Duncan Philips

Email: Not specified

Address: 4 Bridger Way Crowborough

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment: - Design

Comments: The ridge has been raised about 300mm, the thatch is apparently an imported water reed, the roof line has been straightened and there is a use of modern softwoods. The building is a highly important example of its type and now increasingly rare. It has a high level of significance. It has been well photographed and featured in publications in previous years. The use of water reed is not traditional in this part of Sussex. Long straw thatch would have been most likely used, or possibly combed wheat reed. The work undertaken is contrary to para. 129 of the NPPF. The work is also contrary to para. 132 and 133 of the NPPF. It has changed the appearance of the building and has thus caused substantial harm to the heritage asset. The use of modern softwoods to straighten and raise the ridge line was unnecessary and inappropriate. A re-thatch, if it was actually required, could have been done in a more sympathetic manner.