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Dear Emma,

**Application 00226. PADDOCK BARN, BROOKLEY FARM, SWAY ROAD, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7RX  
Demolition of Barn (excluding base and brick base walls) Application for Listed Building Consent**

1. New Forest Association (NFA) objects to this application.
2. For the avoidance of doubt this barn is not separately listed although marked as such on the NFDC map prepared around the time of the National Park's creation. It had been confused with the grain store also located behind Woodcutters Barn.
3. The barn in question is associated with the listed Woodcutters Barn and was within the curtilage at datum. Proof of this was submitted by NFA in March 2012 and an extract is attached. The barn is now 80 years old and is of a type that was once commonplace but it is now rapidly disappearing. It is very much a commoner's barn with loose boxes and was used by Agister John Booth up to twenty years ago when owned by Councillor Frampton's mother. It acted as a temporary home for injured commoners' stock and a permanent home for John's magnificent 18 hand horse Max.
4. It is one of four buildings so far suggested by NFA members for repair under *The National Park Management Plan update LD5 Return 20 historic buildings 'at risk' to good condition and active use*. For interest the others are Park Cottage (previously Albin's Farm) at SU 309 020, Watcombe Cottage at SU 313 020 and Shappen Farm outbuildings at SU 207026.
5. I assume the owners are taking this action on safety grounds following survey. The barn has recently been surrounded by a 2 metre fence and NFA consider further action unnecessary. The paddock backs my garden and is of itself secure against both humans and stock. Neither my wife nor I have ever seen a child trespassing in the paddock in 25 years. If partial demolition is allowed, and NFA insist it is unnecessary, it must not jeopardise the future rebuilding of the barn and as a condition a full photographic and documentary record of the structure should be made available to the Authority prior to the commencement of partial demolition.

While this objection comes from the Association, I have a personal interest as the site adjoins my property and it is no secret I have long wished to purchase it, restore the barn and re-start commoning in the heart of the village.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Baker, NFA Planning Committee