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Dear Mr Graham

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THE BUILDING ACT 1984 (DANGEROUS STRUCTURES – EMERGENCY MEASURES) BARN TO REAR OF 6 CHURCH STREET, BOLTON UPON DEARNE, BARNSELY, S63 8LP

Further to your recent discussions with my officers Andrew Bullen and David Burley with regard to the above, I write to confirm formally the actions undertaken by the Authority on 12 December 2010.

Following a serious fire at the above-mentioned premises on 12 December 2010, a request was made by South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue for a Building Control Surveyor to attend the site, as they considered the building to be in a dangerous condition. Upon arrival, it was found that the fire had resulted in the complete loss of the roof to the listed barn, a consequence of which was that the gables and the rear wall to the barn were no longer restrained by a roof. The gable nearest to the properties on Church Mews had begun to come away from the corners of the building and lean outwards.

Although the building was in an unsafe condition and posed a danger to anyone in the vicinity, it was considered impractical at the time to remove the gable or fully secure the building. As such, on safety grounds and as a temporary emergency measure to remove the imminent danger posed by the dangerous gable, a fence was erected by this Authority around the dangerous gable end. In addition to ensuring that any falling debris or the collapse of the gable could be contained within a cordon, the fencing works undertaken, also prevented entry into the site through the gateway and as such, these works were considered the minimum necessary to remove the immanent danger.

When I receive the final account for the fencing works from my contractors, an account will be sent to you for payment.

Should you wish to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact my Building Control Officer Mr Andrew Bullen during normal office hours on (01226) 772675.

Yours sincerely

pp Andrew Bullen
Building Control Manager

