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Dear Ms Hopkins,

**Application 3/2024/0339: Listed Building Consent for removal of existing roof trusses and replacement with new non-structural trusses.
Barn at Talbot Hotel 5 Talbot Street Chipping PR3 2QE**

As described, the above application is for the replacement of the four existing wooden roof trusses and their replacement by a combination of steel purlins and three 'decorative false trusses'.

The historic building record for this structure (The Archaeology Co, October 2023) suggests that the original barn is of the same or similar 18th century date to the adjacent former public house but was extended at a later date. The extant roof trusses comprise (i) a pair of bolted king post trusses with diagonal bracing to the post and additional diagonal braces between the principal rafters and tie beam; and (ii) a pair of later king post trusses, lacking the diagonal bracing to the posts. The use of bolts to fasten the king posts in the earlier pair of trusses would suggest that they may not be the original roof supports but are replacements of mid or later 19th century date.

Whilst we would obviously prefer to see the original trusses repaired and retained, we would not formally object to the proposed works, if your Conservation Team are convinced that this is an appropriate way forward. No further formal recording of the building would appear to be necessary, although if, during the dismantling, historic graffiti, carpenter's, or other marks are noted. In that case we would suggest that they are carefully photographed by the applicants and copies of those photographs submitted to the Historic Environment Record to enhance the 2023 record.

Yours sincerely

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