

Heritage Statement

Barn 2, Dinkling Green, Little Bowland Road

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Map 1 – 1830



Map 2 – 1888



Map 3 – 1945



Map 4 – 1961

4. Statement of Significance

4.1 Guidance

“Conservation Principles, Policies and Guidance” published by English Heritage in April 2008 set out the heritage values at that time by which significance could be assessed, namely:

- Evidential Value - this derives from the potential of a place to yield evidence about past human activity.
- Historical Value - derives from the way in which past people, events and aspects of life can be connected through a place to the present.
- Aesthetic Value - derives from the ways in which people draw sensory and intellectual stimulation from a place.
- Communal value - derives from the meanings of a place for the people who relate to it, or for whom it figures in their collective experience or memory.

4.2 Evidential Value

The building has the form of a typical farm barn with cart entrance and rear outshut which appears to be a later addition.

The upper floor would have been used for the storage of hay and the lower floors for animal housing. Whilst the structure remains largely untouched the roof covering has been re-roofed and altered since it was first constructed resulting in differing stone flags and slate finishes.

The barn therefore retains a moderate evidential value of farming structures.

4.3 Historical Value

The site as a whole provides historical value and the buildings as a group remain largely intact. The site has existing from a hunting estate through to a farming community. The building now provides a moderate historical value as it remains as a agricultural barn for which it was once built.

4.4 Aesthetic Value

The property is of moderate aesthetic value with the dressed stone reveals and lintels to openings and random rubble walls. It provides an attractive barn which is a prime example of the barns within the area. The open interior also allows the appreciation of the space and structure of the roof timbers.

4.5 Communal Value

Historically the barn is part of a group of buildings which once would have been a large farming community. Now sub-divided into residential accommodation as well as the farm the barn retains a link back to historic use of the site to which the local residents can appreciate.

The barn provides a moderate communal value.

5. Schedule of Work and Impacts upon Significance

3.4.1 SCHEDULE OF WORK AND IMPACTS UPON SIGNIFICANCE				
See also Appendix A - Photographic Schedule				
Feature	Description	Heritage Significance	Proposed Works	Impact of proposed works on heritage significance
Roof Trusses and purlins	Oak A frame roof trusses and oak purlins	The timbers appear original to the structure and provide a moderate significance to the use and function of the barn.	Roof trusses have been heavily affected by wood rot and wood beetle infestation that their structural integrity cannot be guaranteed. Replacement in a like for like manor was essential to ensure the building survives.	Low impact – The new trusses and purlins allow the building to remain in good structural order for many generations to appreciate.

6. Justification

The works to replace the trusses and purlins has been carried out to ensure the continued use and safety of the barn for the future. Wood rot and beetle attack was significant, and the structural integrity of the timbers could not be guaranteed.

The trusses and purlins have been designed and constructed in a like for like basis with the use of green oak and traditional jointing methods to replicate the trusses as they previously were built.

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APPENDIX A – Photographic Schedule



1. Details of existing trusses before removal



2. Rot and beetle attack to timbers



3. Significant rot to purlin on rear slope



4. Rot visible to rafters



5. Original rafters in very poor condition



6. New trusses made to replicate old



7. New trusses during installation