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Dear Ms Hughes,

Planning Application: 3/2025/0580. Demolition of outbuildings and conversion of barn to two dwellings. Holmes Farm, Higher Commons Lane, Balderstone, reconsultation.

Further to our recent e-mail discussion about the new proposals for the development at Holmes Farm where it is now proposed to move the pigsties from their original position and rebuild them elsewhere on the site, this is to confirm our discussion.

The proposal to retain the pigsties is to be welcomed. The pig was an important part of the farm economy and at one time perhaps the majority of mixed farms would have had a pigsty, but as these are not particularly suitable for conversion to other farming uses they have often been demolished so well preserved examples are increasingly rare.

Ideally the structure should be retained in its original positions but if for any reason this cannot be accommodated then, in principle, we would accept the relocation of the structure within the former farmstead area, subject to the original building being subject to a historic building record which can be secured using the condition proposed in our original response to the application.

Yours sincerely

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Historic Environment Team

