



**Proposal Assessment
Whitehouse Farm
Land Way
Higham
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Proposal Assessment

This statement is based on the details provided for the proposed works on the individual buildings within the farm complex. It is not intended as a full impact assessment but rather a rapid assessment of the proposals highlighting the major positive or negative aspects for further consideration. This statement is intended to accompany the Heritage Statement produced by Groundworks Archaeology.

Site Location

Whitehouse Farm is located within the parish of Higham. The site lies close to the outlying settlement of Lower Higham, which lies north of the main village of Higham, although it is set some distance from the main group of dwellings in the smaller settlement. Land Way, the dog-legged track which leads to Whitehouse Farm, forms two sides of a rectangle of roads which surrounds Higham Station

Building 1

Regularisation slate paving/steps and low retaining walls to East elevation.
Completed

Building 2-West Barn

Not part of this application

Building 3

No work to be undertaken

Building 4

Completed

Building 5

Not part of this application

Building 6

Not part of this application

Building 7

Not part of this application

Building 8

Not part of this application

Building 9

Demolition and removal of floor slab. New floor slab & Oak timber posts, new roof structure & weathering as per drawing, new aluminum slim sliding doors, use as leisure/fitness centre would bring use to this building. *The removal of this structure would not necessarily be detrimental to the character of the farm. It is 20th century in origin and detracts from the original setting of building 5.*

Building 10

Remove existing roof coverings and replace with 'Onduline' black corrugated sheet roofing fixed to purlins between timber existing timber frames.

Repoint/repair flint/brickwork panels to South-East external wall. *Positive impact, this will aid in the long term preservation of the building.*

Overclad existing brickwork with timber weatherboarding. *The brick extension post dates 1960 and is a fairly incongruous structure which is not in keeping with other elements of the farmyard. Over cladding would improve the aesthetic appeal of the building and be in keeping with the surrounding buildings.*

New rainwater goods. *This would aid in the long-term preservation of the building by diverting rainwater away from the structure.*

Building 11

Remove existing roof coverings and replace with 'Onduline' black corrugated sheet roofing fixed to purlins between timber new timber frames. *This would be an appropriate replacement for the existing roof and is in keeping with the utilitarian nature of the structure.*

New Oak timber posts, structure to remain open. *This would cause substantial change to the character of the building. However, as the structure is entirely rebuilt it would not impact on historic features.*

Completely replace existing weatherboarding to walls. *Positive impact, this would both enhance the aesthetic appeal of the building and aid in its future preservation by ensuring the structure is weathertight.*

New steps and single door opening to South-West elevation. *As the structure is entirely rebuilt this would have no impact on historic features.*

New floor slab. This would improve the practicality of the building but would not have a negative effect on the structure.

New cast iron rainwater goods. *This would aid in the long-term preservation of the building by diverting rainwater away from the structure.*

Building 12-Shelter

Demolition & replace with new Oak timber posts, weatherboard clad to sides, new 4nr clear glazed aluminum folding garage doors. New concrete floor slab, finishes to garage flooring. *This building is present on the 1838 Tithe map and represents an integral element of the farmyard design. However, much of the structure has been rebuilt with few original elements remaining. If this building was to be remodelled it would expose the original flint and brick farmyard boundary wall.*

Repoint/repair flint/brickwork panels to boundary wall. *Positive impact, this would restore collapsed elements of the wall and aid in its future preservation.*

Building 13-Shelter

Demolition & replace with new Oak timber posts, weatherboard clad to sides, new concrete floor slab. *This building originated in the mid-19th century but has been entirely rebuilt in the mid-20th century. The removal of this structure would not necessarily be detrimental to the character of the farm.*

Structure 14

Completed

Building 15

Repair & replace flint/brickwork to south-east elevation. *This would result in a positive impact and would aid in the long term preservation of the structure*