

Our Ref: 18258/EO/RPT/01
Date: 06 October 2025

Natural England
FAO Ben Hanley
Cherry Lodge Farm
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Wiltshire
SP3 4ET

Dear Mr Ben Hanley

Re: 18258 – Cherry Lodge Farm, Shrewton, Wiltshire, SP3 4ET



We were instructed by you to visit the premises and undertake a structural inspection with regard to assessing the adequacy of the existing roof structure. Due to concerns raised over safety following a vehicular impact with the mechanical plant and the existing roof structure, JCP Engineers Ltd has been appointed to undertake a structural inspection and assessment of the existing building.

We only surveyed the building in the area which is affected by the reported defects. Parts of the structure, which were covered, unexposed or inaccessible, were not inspected. We are therefore unable to report that any such part of the property is free from defect. No measurements were taken for damp penetration or timber decay. Drains and services have not been inspected.

This report is prepared for the sole benefit of the client by whom it is commissioned and their Financial Advisers, we have no liability or duty to any other parties in respect of the contents or opinions expressed.

An inspection, without exploratory cutting away or the provision or use of special access equipment, was carried out on Monday 1 September 2025. At the time of inspection, the damaged area of the building was accessible at the ground level only.

The building is an agricultural steel-portal-framed building consisting of portal frames with perimeter blockwork walls and a concrete ground-bearing slab. The roof is formed with corrugated fibre-cement cladding, which is supported on cold-formed metal purlins, which then span onto the principal rafters of the portal frames.

The cold-formed purlins provide lateral restraint (for local and global stability in the horizontal direction) of the principal rafters of the steel portal frames.

The purlins in the penultimate bay adjacent to the front elevation of the building could be seen to have sustained significant damage and were visibly distorted; these are likely no longer providing any restraint to the principal rafters of the steel portal frames on either side of the affected bay.

The cladding in the affected bay was missing, leaving the internal building envelope and structural steelwork of the portal frames exposed to the elements.

From our observations, the damage sustained to the building is limited to a small area of one bay at the front of the building, and therefore should not affect the overall stability and safety of the building; the building can continue to be used. However, it is recommended that the existing roof in the damaged area should be repaired as follows:

- ***Replaced the damaged purlins with like-for-like cold-formed metal purlins; these should be adequately bolted with metal cleats to the top of the principal rafters of the steel portal frame.***
- ***The missing cladding in the affected bay should be replaced with like-for-like cladding panels and/or lightweight corrugated plastic covering.***

Provided the above recommended works are undertaken by a competent Contractor, then we have no reason to believe the building will not continue to remain functional and stable.

We trust this provides you with sufficient information for your needs, but if you have any queries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

For JCP Engineers

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Appendix A – Site Visit Inspection Record Photographs



Photograph 01

Cherry Lodge Farm, Shrewton, Wiltshire, SP3 4ET
Damaged Roof



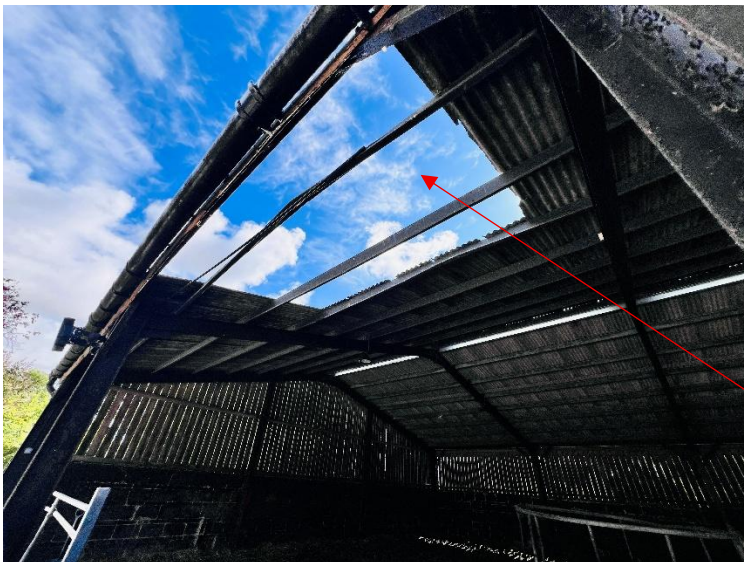
Photograph 02

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Photograph 03

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Photograph 05

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