

Addendum

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1.0 Update

- 1.1 Following review of the application and the information submitted with the speaking notes, further assessment of the application has been undertaken.

2.0 Assessment

- 2.1 The site is located in the countryside and lies within the Distinctive Landscape Setting of the Giant's Causeway and the Causeway Coast AONB.
- 2.2 Paragraphs 8.4 to 8.8 of the Planning Committee report set out the Plan policy which the application was assessed against.
- 2.3 It is recognised by Planning that the blackstone building is locally important. The agent in their submission have listed the various commercial uses that have previously occupied the building. The proposed change of use to three one bed units for tourism accommodation requires no extension or significant external modifications. Furthermore, this locally important building is suitable for conversion and is well maintained. The potential intensification of use has been reconsidered in light of the buildings current condition, the previous commercial uses and modest accommodation to be provided. Though the proposal does not sit within Policy COU 4 taking into account these other material considerations, weight has been given to allow a use that will secure the buildings upkeep.
- 2.4 It is considered that the proposal is considered as an exception under Policy BH 5 of PPS 6 for the reasons set out above and the application is recommended as an approval.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the proposal is recommended for Approval.