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Arne Swithenbank
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Sent via Email 19th July 2016

Dear Arne,

Planning Application DET/2016/0034
Malthouse Farm, New Road, Dilhorne
Change of Use from an agricultural building to a use falling within Class C3 (dwelling house) for up to 2no

With regards to the above application the Parish Councillors wish to OBJECT as they have some concerns about the application.

1. The Parish Council are of the understanding that work has already started on this building, as can be seen from the supporting photographs provided by the applicant and question why this work has been started prior to applying for planning permission and ask that this pre-approval work be disregarded by the Planning Department when determining a decision.

2. The Parish Council understand that other agricultural buildings have been demolished by the applicant thus making the area around this application site more beneficial to a dwelling house. We ask that this is looked into prior to making any decision.

3. Although bat survey has been carried out in June this year showing no bat evidence this area used to have bats around that lived in the barn of the farm, perhaps the demolishing of farm buildings has over time “evicted” the bat colony.

4. Malthouse Farm is a Listed Building and therefore the application sire falls within its curtilage.

We hope that you will take our comments into account when making your decision.
Should you need to speak to us on this matter please contact us on one of the numbers above.

Yours faithfully,

Lynn Cantlay

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Clerk to the Parish Council