APPLICATION NUMBER **SMD/2019/0044**
APPLICANT'S NAME **Mr Jonathan Gibson**
LOCATION **Sand Bank Macclesfield Road**
Rycroft Gate
Rushton Spencer

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT **Retrospective application for 3 silo corn bins**

Dear Sirs, 14 March 2019

I refer to the retrospective application above and wish to object to it, hoping that the Planning Department will seriously consider my comments when coming to their decision.

1. Retrospective Permission

Having noticed to my horror the three silos being erected in late November 2018, I immediately wondered why I had not seen any Planning Application for their siting at Sandbank Farm, Rushton Spencer. Writing to the SMDC, I then found that no permission had been given, since no Application had ever been made for their erection.

This made me wonder if the owner of Sandbank Farm had merely hoped that no-one would notice the silos, or if they were noticed after erection, that one might wrongly assume that any permission necessary for them must have been granted anyway. To delay submitting an Application until 21 January 2019, some 59 days after their erection on 23 November 2018, strikes me as being more deceitful than negligent.

2. Dimensions

Two of the three Silo ***Towers*** (I emphasise that there is no way that one could refer to them as "bins" – as per the Application) measure 2 x 9.86 m (32 ft 4 ins) and I note that the Site Specification Diagram does not show the 1 x larger Tower which measures an even higher 11.2 m (36 ft 9 ins). True that the JPK Site Map, Ref: JPK/19/4174/1 dated *"February 2019*" does indeed show both style of towers' dimensions but the printing is so small as to unreadable without significant magnification enhancement.

3. Application Form

Water

The belatedly submitted Application Form is annotated '*No*' to the question as to whether there is a running water course nearby within 20 m. In fact, the Rushton Feeder from the River Dane to Rudyard Lake is adjacent to the property and whilst I have no personal means of measuring this distance from outside the property, I would hazard a guess that the proposed silo towers are well within that distance. No mention is made for the drainage of rainwater off such large constructions which presumably have non-porous concrete surrounds.

Colour

Whilst I have no adverse comment about the colour of the Towers themselves being painted in an ecological shade of green, I do object to the contrasting, bright silver silo-leg supports. Why were these not painted green as well?

4. Design & Visual Impact

The design shape of these silos and their visual impact to any viewer, contrasts so markedly with the local environment that they completely interfere with the landscape and rural country scene which local residents have enjoyed for many years.

Adding to the already numerous sheds, towers, tanks, buildings and pens which have accumulated on this property over the years, the silos are now the latest and most drastic addition to a totally visually-polluting property site. There seems to have never been even the slightest regard to an ecological approach to the property's hotch-potch of buildings and outhouses construction plans. The random nature of them and the varying state of maintenance on this site defy belief that is in open countryside which most of us hold dear.

5. Noise

After the silos had been erected, and commissioned a few days later, there have been large tanker trucks visiting them every morning, presumably to fill them. The noise from this pumping operation is one not easy to ignore and lasts for a considerable time. Purely coincidently I observe that since this retrospective Application has been submitted, the frequency of these tanker visits has markedly diminished. I wonder why this should be so?

6. Letter of Support – from * !

Whilst I see that Sandbank Farm has a business venture associated with a Mr * in *, I wonder why his letter of support was not sent in anticipation that Planning Permission was a necessity before the silos were erected. I am at a loss to understand the meaning of Paragraph 3 of Mr * letter and Paragraph 5 infers that it is Mr * who has commissioned these silos. I quote, " *…we would not be able to make this food for our pigs*……. " This must be clarified.

I would greatly welcome a visit by your Planning Officers to see the impact of these abhorrent structures when viewed from my home, some 150 or so metres away. Every glance out of my lounge window or visit into my garden now produces a negative impact on my living conditions by having my lovely local landscape scarred by this ill-planned venture. See picture;

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