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4th November 2019

Dear Sir,

Ref. Retention of Detached Garage – Overton Farm, Hollington

As direct neighbours to Mr & Mrs J Bloor of Overton Farm, Hollington, ST10 4HW, I write to formally offer my support of the enclosed application for the retention of a triple garage.

My wife and I have lived and farmed next door to the Bloor family for over half a century and always enjoyed a very positive, neighbourly relationship. Historically, the Bloor family had a triple garage which was later converted into a single garage and dog kennels both of which more recently were of increasingly poor appearance and physical state reducing their practical function. The new garage has been built using local tradespeople and traditional materials on the same footprint as the original building. Whilst slightly taller, the architecture, character, quality and appearance of the building is much improved on the former one and does not present any negative impact to the local surroundings. Visually, in fact, the new construction clearly provides a very practical garage for this active family farm and is much more sympathetic to the landscape, in context with the area and surrounding buildings.

Despite living two fields away, we are the only neighbours able to see the building in question so therefore wish you to note that myself, wife and family fully support the Bloor family in their request to be respectfully granted retrospective planning permission to retain this building.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Alan Hulme & MRS. MARY HULME