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Planning application number DET/2019/0042

I write with significant concerns regarding this application.

My number one and primary concern is that of Safety,

I will explain.

The application is for a building that¿s main use is stated for the storage of hay and straw

The construction of this building will be no doubt a standard agricultural design fit for its intended use only, not highly specced ie like a public building.

My first and foremost concerns are that of safety

The building is proposed to be located in the south-eastern corner of the field owned by the applicant which adjoins my land.

I have a license to operate an approved

C L Touring and camping Caravan site which I have spent a considerable amount of effort and investment providing full facilities ie toilets, shower black electric, water, etc is set up and operating.

This site is situated immediately behind the hedgerow that separates our two fields where the proposed barn is to be located.

The majority of the caravan pitches were approved are now established along that hedgerow only a few meters away from the proposed barn.

My certification allows for the occupation of 5 touring caravans and 12 camping pitches with the option of holding regular rally¿s if desired for up to 28 days at a time, which will see significantly increased those numbers of both caravans and tents.

My CL certificate allows for the use of open barbecues and fire pits for any of the occupants during their stay and it is proven that the campsites which allow the use of these barbecues and fire pits have A significant advantage over those that do not allow them, going some way to help the imbalance of not having to seaside at our disposal.

There is no time limit placed upon these fires so therefore these fires do at times continue into the small hours of the night and I have heard from the occupants that it is not unknown for them to actually fall asleep around the fire.

It is very easy to see how a small ember from one of the fires might easily get blown into that hay barn if approved and built in the proposed location.

As it is very common knowledge about how combustible hay and straw is.

It would be easy to see that the extreme heat that would be produced by such a barn fire if it happened and how easily that fire could then spread to the adjacent caravans potentially trapping any sleeping child or for that matter an adult whether they are disabled or able-bodied after all the majority of new caravans are now made primarily of plastic.

I have today spoken to the Staffordshire fire authority expressing my concerns about this proposed development they tell me that they also would have serious concerns over this matter and say that if they are formally asked to comment by the council they would be opposed to this development without conditions being applied. They have informed me that they have now opened a file and taken notes for future reference.

I do believe in my opinion that now this issue has been brought before yourself, and if this development is permitted to continue without adequate safeguards the council could be held partly responsible for not providing a necessary duty of care when granting this development.

I would add, I have also spoken to the applicant expressing my concerns, he has recognized my worries and has indicated that he would be happy to consider applying to move the building to the south-west corner of the same field, but he said his thoughts are to attempt to get the building past first and then apply for the building to be relocated in the southwest corner of that field, which is something that of course might not do.

It is worth noting that if the proposed building was to be sited in that alternative position there would be far less visual impact from the highway and surrounding areas due to the nature screening of the trees in the wooded area of land that that building would then back up to and would go a long way to hide the building making it almost unseen from the public highways.

Also looking on google maps, the building would then be much closer to an already long-established industrial development.

My CL certificate number is 9785 and was granted on 8/7/2019 in the name of Mr and Mrs Bagnall

I¿m happy to supply any other information if required.

Yours Sincerely

D.S.Bagnall

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