
From:
Sent: 29 December 2021 10:41
To: Planning Comments (SMDC)
Subject: DET/2021/0045

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Dear Sir

I wrote the following objection to the above planning application on the 27th Dec 2021 - intending to meet the deadline for objections by 10pm - before the published deadline of 28th Dec 2022 - which I had interpreted to be midnight of the 27th. The following objection was completed by 10.00 but the relevant web form had already been closed at 10.00pm!

Following a landline call to the Planning Dept on 29th to report this early closure to the process Tim advised that email to the above address with the relevant planning reference number in the subject box.

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SMDC Planning Department
27th December 2021
Professor B L Griffiths

I wish to record my objection to the planning application DET/2021/0045 (to build a substantial agricultural store near the Tean-Hollington-Rocester road, near Hollington village) - on the following grounds:

- The planning application notice was not posted in a position easily seen by local walkers, passers-by or road users.
- The site surely requires a paved service area with very good access road to the road and these are not outlined on the plans.
- This application will have an extremely detrimental to the impact on the open ridge landscape with superb views across of the countryside as far as Cannock Chase. It is a very popular sightseeing, walking, cycling & horseriding route & the views across to the south are magnificent. There are a few trees and these are no screen. It would be a large industrial structure on the skyline where there are currently no existing large agricultural buildings & a negative impact in terms of wildlife & environmental factors.
- It is close to & will overshadow a dwelling ie Paradise Farm.
- The proposed facility's immediate proximity to and impact on the heavily used Tean-Hollington-Rocester road. This rural road is inappropriate for the existing, intense traffic that is generated Mondays-Saturdays by the large JCB workforce & to a lesser extent by the existing large industrial quarry vehicles. Large grain carrying vehicles will create great log jams when turning into the site & out of the site onto the road - and there is no apparent space to facilitate this on the site. The increased volume of heavy vehicles will also be detrimental to the area & provides zero economic or social benefit.
- The proposed grain store is sited too close to the main Tean-Hollington-Rocester road. With all the land available at Broad Gate Hall, why is the building not sited closer to the present farm buildings? It surely will be a greater security risk if it is this far away from the owner's farm.
- If it is to be used for the long term storage of grain or seed - where is that grain presently stored?
- Will it be used for bulk storage of grain from other locations thereby requiring transportation to the building?

- Will it have drying facilities or will damp grain have to be transferred to & from another location - again requiring highway transportation?

- How is it intended to develop this through intended future expansion or to permit change of use? It is now contentious whether more grain production to feed livestock is good, given the poor energy conversion rate for plants

to meat, nutritional advice to reduce meat/dairy consumption, food wastage at 30% from both producer and consumer, all

highlighted during the recent COP 21 climate change conference.

Sincerely

Professor B L Griffiths