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Ben

Apologies I have been away and only just managed to read the report to the Planning Committee. I form different conclusions to the case officer and wish to bring these differences to the Committees attention please.

Sylvester's Barn SMD/2024/0094

I have reviewed the documentation regarding the application.

I make the following observations

The invoice 0566 dated 30th April 2017 refers to "Sylvester's 5 bay extension".

I particularly note the use of the word "extension" in the description rather than open store or implement shed.

I note the Officers comment at 6.14 that the "cross struts provide structural support". I make the observation that it is usual for steel framed buildings to incorporate diagonal bracing to stiffen the structure rather than horizontal cross struts. If it is the case that the structure just relies on cross struts to stabilise the uprights then I would anticipate that they would then be placed at the same height forming a continuous "beam" around the building. It is noted that one cross beam just happens to have been placed at a higher level and this bay is now to be used as a roller shutter door. I consider that this placing alone (to facilitate the later fitting of a door) would confirm the applicants original intent.

Taking account of the roof lights (not normally found in hay barns and the like) it would suggest that there always was an intention to close in the sides at a later date.

In the circumstances I consider that the "Certificate of Lawfulness" should not be granted.

Best regards
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