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SMD/2024/0330 Wayfields Farm

Before reaching any decision, the Planning Committee should stop and reflect on the incremental damaging development which they have allowed over time at this once smallhold farmyard inside the GREEN BELT which is now emerging without consent into an exceptionally large commercial business operating centre with full time resident employee workforce and dedicated industrial warehousing.

The landowner's strategy and tactics used have of course been used previously within Rownall with great success taking advantage of the knowledge that each application will be judged in isolation and separate without regard to any other previous application on this site. There can be no doubt that another similar retrospective application will soon be submitted relating to another mega sized agricultural shed on a neighbouring farm in the same ownership recently awarded a 'Certificate of Lawfulness' despite the still 3 running planning breaches existing without enforcement.

This is the sequence of events which relate to this site alone which is documented and recorded in residents' communication with the Head of Planning and Enforcement.

1. 3 mega sized agricultural sheds built on the former farmyard of Wayfields Farm small holding.
2. Mixed use of agricultural and non-agricultural storage.
3. Application for industrial unit storage rentals, LPA approved.
4. Entire site let to Scandinavian temporary building company who built an office, installed mezzanine 1st floor, fitted double glazed picture windows and patio entrance door with bricked façade without planning consent.
5. Council confirmed planning contravention and written advice to objecting residents that a decision had been made not to take enforcement action.
6. Retrospective application received SMD/2024/0330 attempting to lawfully allow continuing large scale commercial industrialisation with full time employees working on site within this still Green Belt reserve!

Extreme caution should be exercised also to identify the intended usage of the immediate neighbouring units on this site marked 1 & 2 on the 'Visibility Plan' now marked outside the revised curtilage in this application on 'the Plan'!! Units now marked 1&2 are of course included in the pending major Battery Storage application SMD/2024/0055. Any use of these units for storage of volatile energy storage components would lead to a

serious Health and Safety risk for all employees working in the adjacent extremely near units/Offices.

In the interest of maintaining democracy, the Council must also take immediate resolving action to curb the menacing increase in intimidating local harassment as reported, directed at certain resident members of the Save The Green Belt Campaign, clearly intended to silence objection and their right of 'free Speech'.

Sincerely

IanPodmore. ST9 0BT. on behalf of the Rownall & Bagnall Save the Green Belt Campaign.

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