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Comments: Firstly I would like to reiterate my and our community previous objections to the proposed agricultural shed.

I have lived in Basford for 70 years and the applicant family have never farmed their land and to my knowledge have no intentions of starting now, so why would they need an agricultural shed? Their tenant farmers have no requirement for an agricultural shed at Basford Hall. Only very recently, the applicant converted an existing agricultural building next to Kestrel Cottage, as they said they didn't need it. Then in the space of a few months, they apply for an agricultural shed, which is completely contradictory. This is because the applicant is applying for a significant building to be used for other purposes and misleading the council that it is agricultural shed.

There has never been any buildings, track or anything else in that field, despite the applicants suggestion that there is an existing track etc. Everyone can see that there is no track to where they want to put the shed.

The shed will be 100 metres from our front door and will tower above the hedge to be in full sight. Of all the land that the applicant has, why have they decided to locate it as far away from their house, right on the boundary. Is it because they know how much noise, dust, fire risk etc. that will come with it, so they don't want it near to them?

They have an existing woodchip storage that they have been using for at least 5 years that has access and hard standing all around it, so in our opinion there is no need for this woodchip storage.

They also have large garage buildings down by Rock Cottage that could be used to store their construction plant and machinery, which they hire anyway. To our knowledge, they only own a loadall and digger, so why do they need agricultural equipment storage?

Our shed is less than 5m high and I can easily put my tractor, loadall, trucks, diggers in without any problem, so why does their shed need to be so high? Their proposed shed is more like one that you would find on an industrial estate! Even if they did need a shed for their woodchip, which doesn't make sense given they have had their woodchip boilers for 10 years and not needed one. Even if they did, they could use 8 wheeler, 8 tonne lorries 12 tonne walkinfloor trailers that can easily get in and tip etc. in a 4m high shed, so about half the height of the proposed shed.

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