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Comments: Further to the Society's previous responses to this application. The new documents purport to show, by means of a photomontage sequence, that the proposed wood chip shed is going to be able to sit in the landscape without severe detriment. This is not the case for the following reasons:

1. The selective photomontage, drawing AL02 revision A, is most misleading, as it omits to show the view of the proposed shed from the Grade II Listed Lodge Cottages at the entrance to Basford Hall. The Lodge Cottages will have a direct line of sight of the proposed shed - until such time that the proposed planting matures. It should be noted that the proposed screening will take an unreasonable amount of time to grow due to the types of very slow growing trees chosen to shield the proposed shed, and that the shed will be highly visible for many decades.

2. The cross-section, again in drawing AL02 revision A, is also very misleading as it omits to take account of the fact that the location of the Sneyd Arms Farm Shed was lowered by nearly 1m so the floor plate is 1m below that of the elevated location of the proposed wood chip shed. The Sneyd Arms Farm Shed is 4.6m to the ridge. The proposed wood chip shed despite it being lowered from that of the initial application from 8.6m to 7.14m at the ridge, does not take account of the difference in floor plate levels. The proposed shed will still be over 3.5m higher than that of the Sneyd Arms Farm agricultural shed. The only conclusion to be drawn is that the illustrated cross-section has been drawn to be misleading, rather than to be informative.

It is the Society's view that any new shed should not be any higher in the landscape than that of the existing Sneyd Arms Farm Shed, and therefore, the application should be refused.

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