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Dear Local Resident,

Proposed Residential Redevelopment of Moss Feeds Home Farm High Street Dilhorne

Introduction

This letter and associated Questionnaire represents a community consultation on behalf of Moss Feeds Limited, which is considering the possibility of submitting a planning application in the near future to redevelop its existing premises for a small scale housing scheme.

The Site and its Existing Use.

The existing use comprises a factory for the importation, storage, processing (refinement/grinding and grading), packaging and distribution of agricultural feed stuffs. The use dates back to a permission granted in 1975 and it is unrestricted in terms of hours of operation, which can be 24 hours at various times throughout the year. The use currently employs no more than 3 people on the site, including the owner. It is worth noting the old permission allows for alternative forms of general industrial (Class B2) and storage and distribution (Class B8) activities.

The site is not attractive in appearance, but instead comprises a large scale industrial/storage buildings clad in corrugated steel sheeting and a couple of silo structures all situated on the highest part of the premises, with the remainder used for the open storage of abandoned vehicles, redundant and broken/discarded machinery and rubble associated with the business.

The owner, Mr Moss, is now well into his 70's and understandably is seeking to retire and he has three potential options:

- 1) sell the business;
- 2) sell the site for another Industrial (Class B2) or Storage and Distribution (Class B8) use; or
- 3) redevelop the site as a small scale housing scheme.

The first two options are likely to give rise to different operating regimes and as a local person with a long-standing relationship with this area, the owner, Mr Moss does not wish to upset neighbouring residents and hopes that there will be support for the concept of extinguishing the existing commercial use and redeveloping the site for housing.

The Proposal

It is proposed to demolish all existing buildings and structures and to clear the site of all open storage and rubbish and to construct a new vehicular access slightly to the south of the existing one, in order to serve a modest development of up to 10 dwellings; comprising a healthy mix of terraced cottages; a pair of semi-detached houses; a few detached houses; and also a bungalow; all with adequate parking and/or garaging.

The existing conifer screen at the back of the site could be retained, although it is suggested that it might best be replaced (at least in part) with more appropriate planting of native species that could also be extended to enclose and landscape the northern part of the site?

The proposals indicate an attractive, loose-knit arrangement of dwellings that would create a low density development, appropriate to the local vernacular. Attractive street scenes would be provided along High Street and within the development itself.

Conclusions

The existing use is clearly Class B2 and the terms of the planning permission could give rise to it becoming a bad-neighbour operation, particularly if the business or the site were to be sold to another commercial operator with no close links to, or regard for the local community.

An opportunity now exists to extinguish this non-conforming use and to improve the visual appearance of the site which currently detracts from the character and appearance of the village and the surrounding landscape.

There is potential to deliver a small scale development, comprising a healthy mix of dwellings in an attractive loose-knit pattern that will be in-keeping with the character and appearance of the village.

We consider that the time is now right for this scheme to come forward, thus avoiding the need to allocate another greenfield site in the village as part of the Local Plan review.

If and when a planning application is submitted, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council will no doubt consult the Parish Council and also those local residents who are most affected by any new proposals and at this time there will be an opportunity for you to submit formal representations to the Local Planning Authority.

In the meantime, we would welcome your responses to this pre-application community consultation and more specifically, the questionnaire overleaf, by **Friday 15th February 2013**

Yours faithfully,

Andy Williams

A J Williams DipTP; MRTPI Director

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RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OF MOSS FEEDS SITE, HIGH STREET, DILHORNE.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. If there is to be some additional housing in Dilhorne, do you support the use of

	previously developed (brownfield) land in preference to greenfield land?		
	Yes/No* (*delete as appropriate)		
	Other comments on this issue (if any)		
2.	Do you support the principle of ending a potentially bad-neighbour industrial use and removing its unsightly buildings and open storage?		
	Yes/No* (*delete as appropriate)		
	Other comments on this issue (if any)		
3.	If the Moss Feeds site were to be redeveloped, would you prefer to see a mix of dwellings types and sizes as currently suggested?		
	Yes/No* (*delete as appropriate)		
	Other comments on this issue (if any)		
4.	Do you consider the proposed layout appropriate and broadly acceptable?		
	Yes/No*(*delete as appropriate)		
	Other comments on this issue (if any)		
5.	Do you wish to offer any other comments on the proposal at this stage? (continue overleaf if necessary)		
	Please return the questionnaire by Friday 15 th February 2013 either 1) the post box at Moss Feeds Limited; or		
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2) by post to Advance Land & Planning at the address on the attached letter; or

3) by email to andy@advance-planning.co.uk

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2013 AT DILHORNE RECREATION CENTRE, DILHORNE

Present: Cllrs Horvath, Nightingale, Bateman and Carnall

D. Cllr Roberts Apologies: Cllrs Wright, Bowyer

Members of the Public: Trevor and Mavis Brassington, Basil Brassington

Subject	Description	Action
	Potholes – Trevor Brassington asked about situation re potholes C Cllr	
PUBLIC QUESTIONS	Day advised SCC trying to "catch up" with this problem but ones being	
(Max 15 mins length)	filled are coming back again many need patching SCC have now started	
	sealing edges around patches to help prevent these breaking up again.	
	New potholes appear as soon as it snows and salt used erodes tarmac.	
	Will be struggling to catch up but may take problem on board and do	
	later in year. Potholes are categorise 1 - 4 if Cat 1 they are done in	
	matter of hrs if Cat 4 least priority therefore may not get done	
	Grids/gullies – Godley Lane (by school) needs clearing.	
	It was resolved that the minutes of the previous Meeting were to be	
MINUTES	signed as a true and correct record.	
DECLARATION OF		
INTEREST	D. Cllr Roberts re planning issues	
	C. Councillor – Highways have spent £1.5m in his Division (Werrington,	
REPORTS	Caverswall, Forsbrook, Dilhorne areas) and gave breakdown of where	
	spent.	
	D. Councillor –Croft and Summerhill enforcement matter in progress.	
	Recreation Centre – nothing to report. Clerk to contact Rec Centre re	
	obtaining extra set of keys. If charge is incurred this was approved by	
	Council.	
	Parish Assembly – Next meeting 7th March 2013 – CW will try to	
	attend. June meeting will be a special one on planning issues – any	
	questions needed by 6 th May.	
	MOSS FFFDS Manchan of the Bublic wars since association to take	
PLANNING	MOSS FEEDS – Members of the Public were given permission to take part in this discussion.	
MATTERS	Mavis & Trevor Brassington stated more houses good for school but	
	what guarantee would there be that children would go go to school.	
	Cllrs Carnall and Nightingale advised that at moment 10 out of 20 kids	
	from village are at the school also the new nursery will hopefully help	
	with building up numbers. C. Cllr Day stated important that we support	
	school only 2 years ago it was under threat. Very important to promote	
	school and keep numbers up.	
	Cllr Carnall - currently site is "blot on the landscape" and could have	
	same size replacement buildings if remained brown field not restriction	
	of what may go there. Cllr Bateman personally thought it would be good	
	thing for village but parking issues are a consideration. Clerk advised	
	Council about phone call from Andy Williams Moss's consultant and he	
	had told her they had received responses to their questionnaire with	
	nearly all in favour of a small property development.	
	Applications:	
	None received	
	Decisions: none	
	Appeals: none	
	Enforcement: see D Cllr report	