

Subject:information re. BATA application 20/00088/FUL

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From:Amotherby PC Chairman

Dear Ms Bonner

Some extra information which may or may not be of assistance to you:-

- New machinery was installed in the mill last autumn (as far as people remember during Sept) since when the perception is that noise has increased.
- Mr S Richardson stated at the PC meeting in February this year that the mill has worked 24 hrs a day since May 2019 but not at weekends until "the last 3 months" ie. since Nov/Dec 2019. The PC has no way of confirming this.
- Residents did not complain about noise over the winter months as they have been used to the mill working longer hours before & after Christmas to cope with demand when animals are housed indoors and grass is not growing. The weather was awful too, with rain almost every day, so windows were closed more and gardens obviously not in use. Only when the planning application stated that mill operations were 24/7 and 365 days/year were residents alerted that this would be a permanent arrangement and opposition began.
- Following a night of exceptional noise on 14th Sept the mill was off during the evening of 15th Sept (presumably for repairs) but fans were still operating. A reading of 44dBs was taken opposite the mill. This is the same on each rare occasion the mill is shut down.
- **If these fans are associated with the storage bins there is a direct impact/connection to the planning application -- more storage bins would involve more fans and therefore more noise.**
- The PC have been told that the acceptable level of noise in a rural area at night (10pm to 7am) is 35dBs. This is exceeded at night over much of the village (see PC letter of 30 August, appx 2).
- The 1990 planning application (3/5/21C/FA) for the original storage bins put a restriction of 55dBs (condition 4) on the level of noise at the edge of the site. This was at a time when production was only during the day. This level is now being exceeded at night on the pavement opposite the mill (see PC letter of 30 August, appx 2) and the planning condition is therefore being broken, even without additional storage bins. Daytime noise levels will be even higher due to other activities on site.

Please contact me if you require clarification on any of these points.

Regards,
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