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Application 20/00088/FUL – BATA Ltd

Erection of extension to existing feed bins to allow installation of additional 12 outloading bins for animal feed storage, together with integral weighbridge.

Dear Sir/Madam

This application was considered at our meeting of 17 February 2020 which was attended by a large number of residents, who were invited to make comments. The Parish Council shares the concerns expressed, which centred on noise, hours of operation and disturbance, and would object to the proposal if the development lead to an intensification of the use of the site resulting in more noise, vehicle movements, lighting, and general activity.

Whilst a staff member from BATA attended the Parish Council meeting and endeavoured to explain the company's position regarding the application and its implications for neighbours there is no statement with the application that explains how the proposal impacts on the operation of the mill and consequently neighbours.

The Parish Council are mindful of the fact that the mill has been in operation for a long time without planning restrictions on the hours of use or noise output. The mill used usually to operate from 6am to 10pm Monday to Friday, with only occasional extensions to 12pm or through the night, and only occasional weekend working. This has been tolerated by residents as necessary at times of high demand.

Residents concerns should be viewed in the context of the intensification of the mill's operation over the past three months. Currently BATA are operating the mill 24/7, stated in the application as permanent, which is resulting in unacceptable disturbance to adjacent neighbours. Surely permission for variation of operating hours should have been sought and agreed.

Noise is having a great effect on the amenity of the nearby residents, their ability to sleep with windows open and to enjoy peace and quiet, particularly at weekends. Any increase in activity will result in an increased adverse impact on neighbours.

The Parish Council would ask that the applicants furnish the Planning Authority with details of vehicle movements and general activity associated with the development. Any increase in activity would be met with objections from the Parish Council.

In addition to the above concerns the site as a whole is well illuminated, some of which adversely impacts on neighbours. There is no indication that the proposed development includes any additional illumination and the Parish Council would ask that this situation is confirmed with the applicant.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Ballard
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