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Subject: Planning application comment was submitted

The following is a comment on application '**P174097/F**' by '**Luston Group Parish Council Luston Group Parish Council**'

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment:

Luston Group Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds of noise and disturbance caused to nearby residential properties from the scheme. The noise and disturbance come from the operation of the chipper, drying floor and boiler house, and the movement of vehicles in the yard (such as reversing hazard beeps) which move the wood chippings about – for example to the drying room and then on to storage. The scale and size of the operation means the noise and disturbance generated by these activities is effectively on an industrial scale and inappropriate for the location.

Policy LG1 of the Luston Group Neighbourhood Development Plan states new development should “not have a detrimental effect on residential amenity by reason of noise or other nuisance” (LG1, b), and that: “Agricultural and commercial buildings or uses that are likely to give rise to noise or other pollution shall not be located where they would have an unacceptable adverse impact on existing or proposed housing (LG1, g).

The ongoing development of the operation is believed to affect the character of the hamlet of The Broad adversely contrary to paragraph 5.2.8 and vision statement in the Luston Neighbourhood Development Plan. In addition, Policy LG8 of the NDP states the development of small scale employment premises should: “Not have a detrimental impact on surrounding residential amenity”.

The highlighted provisions in the Luston NDP are supported by the NPPF (s123, clause 109, clause 111, para. 75 ROW, and NPSE – SOAEL) and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

The group parish council is concerned that the River Lugg may be polluted by water run-off from the piles of wood chippings in the yard entering the water table and seeping into the adjacent brook. There is a significant PROW, the Herefordshire Way, which passes through the yard, and although currently closed at this point due to a defective footbridge, proper consideration should be given to ensuring the footpath is safe to use or appropriately diverted. The wood chippings are believed to be a significant fire hazard inappropriate to a residential area like The Broad. The group parish council would like reassurance that water run-off is not polluting the nearby water courses, including the Lugg, and that the necessary fire risk assessments and other relevant checks are in place.

For the reasons set out Luston Group Parish Council urges that the application is REFUSED by the planning authority.

The group parish council disapproves of retrospective planning applications..
R Hewitt, Clerk.

Attachment:

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