

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 April 2019 15:19
To: Smart, Chloe <Chloe.Smart@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Application No P182726/O

Dear Ms Smart

Please find attached letter of objection to the above mentioned planning application.

I would be obliged if you would add it to the planning portal.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Phillips.

Westcroft
Woonton
Hereford
Herefordshire
HR3 6QL

18th April 2019

Ms Chole Smart
Principal Planning Officer
Planning Services
PO Box 230
Hereford
HR1 2ZB

Dear Ms Smart

Re: Planning Application P182726/O. Hybrid planning application; Full planning application for the proposed erection of a new poultry site with solar panels, Biomass boilers, associated buildings & development and connection to the A480. Outline planning application for a poultry managers dwelling with detailed design, materials and drainage reserved.

I would like to register my objection to the above mentioned planning application as follows:-

This development is in open countryside on good quality agricultural land which will be covered by large industrial scale buildings and associated concrete roadways and yard areas. This development apparently covers some ten acres of this good quality agriculture land. One of the applicants agents Berrys states that there will be no loss of agricultural land as the business is of an agricultural nature involved in

the production of meat! I thought good quality agricultural land was used to grow crops or graze cattle etc on the

2

soil,



The blot on the landscape these developments have, and the putrid smells that emanate from them is devastating, not only to those unfortunate enough to live close to them but in the wider area in particular the odour emanating from them. As a regular customer of Lyonshall Nursery Garden Centre on occasion the smell from the nearby broiler houses ensures that I do not browse but get what I need and promptly leave.

I note that in relation to odours and noise that will be produced from this development that another of the applicants agents Jubb Consulting Engineers Ltd in their Transport Statement of May 2018 state at 2.2.2 **“It is relatively remote from nearby residential properties or villages which is a benefit such an operation due to potential for smells and disturbance”**.

Some objectors have made mention of an article which appeared in the Hereford Times whereby a representative of Avara (Cargill) stated that future poultry rearing/processing was no longer required in Herefordshire and that sites would now be sought in areas situated within the M5/ A1 area. I believe this article appeared in 2018/2019. However, it was stated that schemes already planned for would be

supported. As this process appears to have been planned since 2015 perhaps an assumption could be arrived at that poultry reared at this site will be transported to and processed at the

3

Hereford site.

Jubb Consulting Engineers Ltd suggest this within their Transport Statement of May 2018 at 3.4.5 where it states “... **The expansion will aid in supporting local employment in Hereford where the meat will be processed...**”

At 5.2.1 it states “**Processing most likely in Hereford by Cargill Meats Europe which also buys chicken from across the South West, Wales and the Midlands**”.

At 5.2.2 they state “ **Feed delivered from Tram Inn**” It is apparent that feed will be transported from Tram Inn feed mill along the A49 to Hereford then West of the city to link to the A480 through Credenhill, Norton Canon, Sarnesfield, Woonton to site at Green Farm, Lyonshall.

At 5.6.1 Jubb Consulting Engineers Ltd envisage ‘farming’ activity for vehicles entering and leaving the site at **4064** movements per year amounting to **78** journeys per week. The Transportation Carbon Footprint for this operation does not comply with the aspirations/objectives as set out in Herefordshire Councils Air Quality Action Plan.

Another of the applicants agents ADAS within their Landscape and Visual Impact Report at page 5 state “...**the site is located within the Herefordshire Lowlands National Character Area...**”. “**Wide, meandering river valleys drain the area, including the Wye, a major**

ecological and recreational asset, and the Lugg and the valleys of the rivers Frome and Arrow also offer rich habitats". "Tranquil and relatively undisturbed by major infrastructure aside from a few crossing A roads between Hereford, Hay-on-Wye and Leominster".

4

Why put all this at risk of destruction by the spread of pollutants in the air and by spreading of chicken manure and waste water in this area. What effect will this have on the replanted ancient woodland of Crump Oak Wood which has already been defiled by running a stone track through it in anticipation of further works within and next to it.

ADAS say that "The change in character of the site itself and its immediate context will inevitably be high...."

There are a number of contradictory statements contained within documents supplied by Berry's and I would question the statement that **"If planning permission is granted for the proposed development it would only be constructed if a contract has been secured from a poultry supplier"**.

Personally, I would have thought that the applicant would have had some indication that contracts may be forthcoming before undertaking the expense of employing various Consultants with regard to this application. I note that pre-application advice was also sought with Hereford Council. This has not been published but I would assume that the applicant has been encouraged by that advice. I do hope that with the passage of time and taking into account the well thought out and in my opinion well considered views of objectors that this application will be refused.

I would add that I am surprised by the brevity of Lyonshall Parish Councils letter of objection and fully support the comments of Almeley Parish Council.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Phillips (Mr)