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Dear Mr Peacock

Re: Application reference 6/2015/2515/PN3 Nyn Manor Farm

As local residents we object strongly to the above application to construct the "agricultural building" detailed on this application for the following reasons -

- 1 Nyn Manor is not a farm in the accepted sense of the word and the applicant has dropped the word "farm" formerly used. Prior to the purchase about 10 years ago by the present owner it was a working farm, but now there is no farming activity other than the cutting of grass and its removal from the site by a contractor.
- 2 The large inappropriate building applied for is sited immediately adjacent to residential housing and is totally out of character with the locality - it's a blot on the landscape blocking the view across an area designated as of outstanding natural beauty. It would be clearly seen by vehicles exiting Great Wood into The Ridgeway, and appears to be a commercial structure on Green Belt land which has already necessitated an Article 4 Direction (17th March 2005) because of the previous actions of the owner.
- 3 With the above in mind, the positioning raises other questions. If it were to be used for the purposes stated, why site it so far from the "farm" where security and accessibility would be compromised. The present site would unnecessarily block the outstanding view and is placed at an angle to the adjacent houses in order seemingly to command such a view. Why is this necessary for the stated storage of hay?
- 4 Should there really be a need for such a building, good neighbourliness might suggest that it should be erected at the far end of the field where a new gate has recently been sited (against Article 4?). Here it would be much less obvious and would not necessitate building a further long road/path parallel to the existing concrete track to reach it.

We sincerely trust that the planning committee will reject this application.

Yours faithfully


Michael & Rosemary Penny