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11th January, 2015

Mr. Colin Haigh,
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Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council,
The Campus,
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Dear Sir,

Planning Application Reference 6/2015/2515/PN3

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the above application.

Although I live nearest to the location of the proposed structure my objection is not purely personal, it is rather deep concern at the undoubted adverse effect on the general environment, and the Green Belt, that would result if this application receives approval.

In 2005 the land in question was granted Article 4 status by the Council, subsequently ratified by the Secretary of State.

To quote Cllr. John Mansfield (now sadly deceased) at that time 'the land is subject to six levels of protection.'

When I moved here 23 years ago Nym Manor Farm (not Nym Manor as quoted) was undoubtedly a working farm. This is not the case now, all the cattle are long gone and the only activity is the annual cutting and baling of hay, the bales being speedily removed. Therefore I am at a loss to understand why storage for hay should be required. Additionally I am unaware of agriculture machinery being used, again, why would storage be required?

I was a frequent visitor to the farmhouse in the past and there is adequate storage, should it be required, on the drive from the Vineyards Road entrance, i.e. large enough for the herd of cows previously in situ to over-winter there.

I am also astounded at the size of the proposed structure, approaching 5,000 square feet. In addition, the siting is bizarre, why so far away from the existing barn and storage facilities.

My neighbours and I are privileged to live so near to Northaw Great Wood, a much valued and appreciated local amenity. The proximity of the proposed structure, and the upheaval whilst it was being erected, would be quite out of keeping with the general ambience of the Wood which provides pleasure and exercise for so many.

In common with many others I am distressed at any encroachment on the Green Belt. If this application is successful then what next? Do please, please reject this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

— Jane Sheridan (Mrs)

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