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Dear Mr Muir,

Thank you for your email of 24th July and attached letter.

I've not heard anything further and quite recently notices from the National Parks have been placed on various wooden posts so that the neighbourhood is now aware.

I have written the following observation that may be of some use. I live adjoining the property but luckily I am detached and shielded by trees to a certain degree, but I can see the roofs of the buildings from the rear which was never the case in the past.

Trust this may be of assistance

Yours

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In respect of retrospective planning application for erection of a building and use of the building as a Shellfish Processing and Storage. This does appear to be a foregone conclusion since there is already sign of a third building being erected but as a neighbour I feel I should comment on a few statements in the application.

Mr Lilley states there has been no complaints, Clearly not to him personally but several neighbours have indicated to me their dissatisfaction at the development and activity. I did approach the National Parks earlier this year about possible change of usage when a large permanent building was seen to be constructed - clearly not appropriate or usable for the holiday park which we have been expecting. I was told to look on the Park's website for details; I did so but only found approval of the previous application namely the holiday chalet venture. Several emails were sent but, as I have recently discovered the National Park's email address had been changed and they were not received. I note that this current application is only dated July 24th so it would have been impossible, therefore, for objections to have been made before this date formally or informally.

The implication that this is replacing the consented development for our benefit/ convenience/peace of mind because of the previous neighbourhood opposition is entertaining but I am astonished at the retrospective component of this application. Because of the unrestricted progress to date, I feel this just represents another arrogant display of contempt for the authority and lack of consideration for local neighbourhood.

Importantly, the plans although very recent, do only show one building in detail. The building that appeared six or seven months ago is now identified as a replacement to a previous structure so this must be for the second. The first was clearly a permanent structure and in no way associated with, or would be utilised by, the consented holiday park plan that we were anticipating. I learned from others later that this was to be used a storage facility and, although this was a change of use, it did suggest less activity and did not threaten the peace of the neighbourhood.

The crab processing business - as we now know it to be - has been up and running for approximately four months now and, from the application details, I now realise what is causing an occasional smell from burning waste as well as the smoking unit. One major concern, however, is the absence of timings and conditions for weekdays and weekends, which you will recall was a major issue of the site in the past. The site is currently being used seven days a week anyway and operational hours based on 'sea conditions and landing of fish' and 'strict operating times would not be appropriate' is not encouraging. The location may not be the most appropriate as there is, after all, an established business park with frequent lets available about three miles away which could be more suitable. The previous application to the National Parks highlighted a damning report of heavy pollutants on the site of the scrap yard, I trust that these have been cleared by necessary specialists to make this site suitable for food production.

There are now two industrial type buildings in place with possibly a third on the way and these can clearly be seen from the path and roadway - not 'well screened' as the application document describes. Sadly, there is no suggestion in the application of planting anything further to help with any such screening. I also noted, with slight bemusement, Natural England's hopes for the proposed development to possibly incorporate '*ponds, woodlands or dry-stone walls into the development*' ... any local landscape character has already been removed by the previous usage as a scrap yard so I see little hope of any aesthetic, wildlife or environmental sympathies being applied in that direction. Peoples' *access to the natural environment* is rather hindered already and I imagine that more buildings may appear until we do have an industrial estate in what was a beautiful part of the area. I'm certain that in years to come people will wonder just what the National Parks were thinking - since this is certainly not protecting the countryside or providing additional opportunity for public enjoyment in supporting tourism and recreation industry.

Some wording does leave me bewildered and I fail to see how the following comments are included as support for the proposal: "*The proposal will provide opportunities for visitors to increase their awareness, understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park in a manner that will not undermine the special qualities of the National Park or in a way that conserves and enhances the special qualities.*"

"The siting, orientation, layout and density preserves or enhances views into and out of the site, spaces about and between buildings and other features that contribute to the character and quality of the environment and will not result in the loss of an open space which contributes to the amenity, character and setting of a settlement."

As I say I feel this is a foregone conclusion and only hope that when the application is granted that the Authority take note of some of these observations and draw experience from past activities.

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