

16th September 2018

## **Objection to Planning Application NYM/2018/0535/AGRP**

We object to the proposed grain store as it is totally inappropriate and does not consider the impact it will have on the amenity of the area. In addition, the applicant is inconsiderate to the residents of Sneatonthorpe, he shows a distinct lack of respect to the NYMPA's framework and policies and flouts NYMPA processes, thereby ruling him untrustworthy of any conditions set by the NYMPA or local authorities. "Full planning permission is required as works began without approval" ***NYMPA Enforcement Team.***

### **The Proposed Site and Building**

The size and site of the grain store would impact the look and nature of Sneatonthorpe from the following roads- Rakies Lane, Sneatonthorpe Lane, Stainsacre Lane, Back Lane and also from the A171 at Hawsker. The visual impact would also be affected from the footpaths at Rigg Mill Wood, Normandy Hill Top, White Moor Hill, Graystone Hills and Windmill Hill.

The proposed site is not a farmstead and is not in the vicinity of his own farm and would represent sporadic development which would be detrimental to the landscape character and appearance of this part of the National Park. Numerous planning applications have been refused permission on this basis alone. See one of many examples @ NYM/2016/0201/AGRP. The original farmstead "Longstone House" was sold over 40 years ago.

There is a lack of detail in the application regarding the grain storing process. How much grain is harvested and from where and from whom? Which drying process and for how long? How much noise and vibration involved? Which machines are involved?

The applicant states that he doesn't have room at Beacon Farm. Please check this statement and consider why not erecting a grain store here?

Cross reference the grain store erected at Mortar Pitt in 2017 to determine its usage capacity along with the grain they produce. Can he store grain here? Will he store grain on behalf of other farmers?

### **The applicant and his planning history**

The applicant began construction of the proposed grain store before planning was approved. Even though not legally required to consult the neighbours of the site, this would have been courteous. On 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018, construction commenced which included numerous vehicles involved in the groundworks and foundation, many of which created excessive noise and vibration (video evidence available). Not only is he breaching planning laws, a permit was needed from Environment Health for this. The noise was bad for us, but we also had people staying at our holiday cottage and subsequently had family staying.

The applicant went on national tv to claim 'farming was dead' in order to promote York Potash. The application states farming has changed but of course his fortunes have changed with regard to his

mineral rights and vast sums of money received as retainers and future value from York Potash. Therefore, the reason for a need should be disregarded as disingenuous.

#### **Violations-**

- 2007 Construction of holiday cottage went beyond the permitted height – Moor View Cottage
- 20??-2018 Long term rental of holiday accommodation at Millstone cottage and perhaps more. This goes against the conditions of the planning approval.
- 2008 Erection of fence at Moor View Cottage – subsequently removed after NYMPA intervention
- 2018 Tarmac track from the road entrance at Wheelhouse Cottage to the proposed site – NO PERMISSION
- 2018 Construction of Grain Store – NO PERMISSION
  - No contact with Environmental Health
  - No permit for use of groundwork machinery
  - Refusal to stop working even after contact with the NYMPA

#### **Conclusion**

Approving this application would contradict previous applications which were refused permission by the NYMPA based on remote farmstead and visual impact. It would also contradict the planning permission that was granted for the holiday cottages at Longstone's Farm. The trustworthiness of the applicant is called into question and he cannot be relied upon to respect the conditions and policy of the NYMPA.

Yours Sincerely

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