

PL/2026/01275. Falcon View Farm, Five Lanes, Potterne

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Comments from Potterne Parish Council

Whilst we understand that this is a Prior Notification and therefore not open for public comment we wish nevertheless to draw the LPA's attention to the following because we believe this Application requires serious scrutiny:

1. This is a proposal to erect on a 5 hectare (12.5 acre) unspoilt site an agricultural storage building measuring 223 square metres (2,520 square feet) *"in order to make most sufficient **use of this land** needed to support the day-to-day running of the holding"* according to p.3 of the Applicant's Assessment document on file. However that claim is contradicted by the statement that it is *"required to support and ensure the efficient operation of the **business**."* 'The business' is presumably that of Abee Pest Control, a pest control business covering (according to its website) wasps, ants, rats/mice, bees, insects, squirrels etc. Not only do we question that there is an *"essential need for"* such a large building on such a small area of land and/or for dealing with such pests, but we are also very concerned at the potential non-agricultural business use. We rely on the LPA to ensure that the proposal accords fully with Permitted Development planning policy.
2. There is a statement in the formal Application (see 'Site Visit', p.6) that the site cannot be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land. This is patently untrue: the whole site can, and the proposed building would, clearly be seen from footpaths POTT 85 and 129, and from byway POTT110 and from bridleway POTT 114. Such visibility would be exacerbated by the building's height (5.37m, 17.5 feet), grey roof and concrete panel construction. Indeed, according to the plans the building would be less than 10 metres from the bridleway. The Applicant will not need reminding that his agent signed a Declaration on his behalf that to the best of his knowledge all facts stated are true and accurate.
3. Access to the site is via Mill Lane and over a small bridge with a weight limit of, we believe, just 8 tons. We understand that the Applicant has on at least one occasion been responsible for a vehicle significantly heavier than 8 tons crossing such bridge, and there is concern that the bridge and the road surface might become damaged by delivery vehicles transporting the necessary building materials.
4. There is already a great deal of activity on the site, and we strongly recommend the Case Officer to visit the site if she has not already done so. There is a large caravan which, we understand, is frequently occupied with

young children running around, and several structures have gone up, including what appears to be another barn. This activity has raised a lot of local interest and there is widespread concern that it might lead to further development and spoil the amenity of the area. It will be closely monitored.

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