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I refer to your email of 24 January.

I note that the Parish Council has questioned the “need” for the proposed plant specifically in light of the fact that in 2018 a similar batching plant was approved for a site on land at Northwood Farm.

On behalf of the applicant I would make the following comments.

Firstly, competition is not a valid objection that can be taken into account by the planning authority. An application cannot be rejected for a business on the grounds that it will compete with another, existing business.

Secondly, whilst I am aware of the 2018 permission, I understand that the applicant (Kendall) has since been sold and is now owned by Aggregate Industries Plc. The permission will be 2 years old in July and the batching plant has not yet been erected. This would imply that Aggregate Industries either do not have a market in the area or their customers are being supplied from another one of the company’s plants and so the plant permitted at Northwood Farm is surplus to requirements.

Thirdly, Dudman Readymixed Concrete Limited already has a long established customer base in the area. In addition, the landlord of one of the applicant’s other businesses is linked to the proposed Hunterford development at Ford and therefore the applicant is well placed to supply this developments need for concrete.

If you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards.

M G Metcalfe