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From: [REDACTED]
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To: Planning
Subject: WA/84/17/PL

Dear Sirs

Re: Fairmeads Farm - Demolition of existing structure & paddock & erection of farm building for the secure storage of farm machinery fertilizer hay & straw (resubmission following WA/63/16/PL)

I write to express a strong objection to this application.

The previous application involved the demolition of 3 buildings. These were the big concrete block building, currently roofless, which is about 265m² and 2 much smaller sheds which together are about 40m². The total footprint of buildings then to be demolished was therefore 305m². There were 2 new buildings to be erected of 126m² and 192m² respectively amounting to a total new footprint of 318m². This would have been a net increase of a mere 13m², a negligible amount which your then planning officer would no doubt have recognised.

The current application involves demolition of one shed of about 20m² and the erection of one building of 192m² being a net increase in building footprint of 172m². This is a serious and inappropriate overdevelopment of the site which is only 2 -3 acres.

Curiously the only indication given of the definition of " existing structure " to be demolished is found in Block Plan RA/671/500 where it is stated to be shown " dotted ". The small 20m² shed can be seen protruding from the much larger area shown dotted on that plan which is not a structure at all. It is just part of the pasture/scrub site which the applicant strangely describes as " paddock ". The casual reader of that block plan could easily be misled into believing that a significant structure exists there which is certainly not the case. There's just a 20m² shed. If the planning officer is in any doubt a site inspection will clarify.

The design statement by Rural Associates is also seriously misleading. It emphasises that the previous application involved the erection of two buildings but the current application only involves the erection of one. This implies that less is now being asked for when in fact quite the opposite is true. Rural Associates conveniently fail to mention that it is now not proposed to demolish the large roofless building.

Yours sincerely

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