

Reed Parish Council

25/01707/FP: Erection of 2 Agricultural Buildings, Hatchpen

Reed Parish Council has no objection to this application subject to the following two considerations:

1. That planning officers can be satisfied that landscape mitigation measures proposed are at least as comprehensive and effective as for the existing storage installations at Hatchpen. This to avoid despoilation of a valued and important landscape.
2. That consideration be given to mitigating the effect of increased HGV traffic from the expanded site.

Such traffic is generated primarily by Rand Bros. straw and grain movements from Hatchpen, but in addition by vehicles from leased premises on the site. This HGV traffic exits onto the western end of the Joint and then onto the Joint's junction with the A10. The Joint is a small country road. It is facing increasing pressure, not least from the contractor movements and subsequent domestic traffic volume generated by the building-out of the nearby BK3 site, with 140 houses. Relief of pressure on the Joint and on the currently used junction could be achieved if Rand Bros. were to implement use of the alternative road to the north out of the Hatchpen complex (currently used for their agricultural vehicles) for some or all of the HGV movements from the site. This would bring the vehicles onto the A10 a mile to the north of the currently used Joint junction and relieve impact at that junction.