

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/X1925/W/25/3358840

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By MR BRUCE PARKER

Site Address
Land to the East of Old Hale Way
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 0SA
Grid Ref Easting: 518530
Grid Ref Northing: 231117

SENDER DETAILS

Name MR JOHN NELSON

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Company/Group/Organisation Name Mr & Mrs Nelson

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground

☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence

☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I object to this proposal

For your convenience this is a repeat of the objection that I made on the previous application. It is extant

I fully concur with all the objections to this application and see no merit in repeating them.

However, I would like to comment on assertions made in the covering letter to the application, submitted by Peter George Town Planning, Nine Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1GE, on 24th August 2024, which states, inter alia,

"Our client, since taking on the land, has implemented several initiatives to encourage the use of the land by the public. This has included the provision of new footpaths through the site for the use of the public, the use of one land parcel by local people as allotments, and the siting of dog bins and similar along some of the established rights of ways and other footways."

Also in that document is the Visual considerations as follows,

"Visual Considerations. As already touched upon, the proposed would have limited visual implications due to the minor nature of the proposed surfacing and associated gates together with the existing bund at the front of the site which largely obscures immediate views to and across the site from Old Hale Way. Additionally, proposed landscaping would involve new planting of trees and other shrubs. These would further reduce any potential visual impact. Overall, it is considered that the visual implications of the proposals would be limited and that the proposals would not result in any tangible harm to the character and appearance of the area."

What it fails to mention is that their client has erected a huge industrial warehouse, on this land which despite being painted green is a major blot on the rural landscape and quite obviously contradicts and nullifies all the previous assertions as to good intentions.

This application should, again, be rejected.