

BDC Planning Committee – 16th March 2021

Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council

Statement – 20/01568/FUL

Good evening Chairman

I wish to make two comments.

First, the parish council has not been formally consulted by BDC about this planning application. The application was validated on 9th November last year and our clerk has checked our correspondence, but we have not received the normal notification that the application was registered and our views sought. This is of concern as we only occasionally have applications for major development in the parish. Thankfully, a member of the parish council made some inquiries, and we were subsequently advised just last Monday that the application was going to planning committee.

Secondly, we raise no objection to the application and support the recommendation for approval. However, we wish to see the following conditions added or amended:

1. HGV Delivery hours to be restricted to Monday to Friday 8am- 6pm and Saturday 8am -12 noon with no deliveries on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, Bank Holidays and Public Holidays. Those residents who live in White Ash Green have expressed concern about additional HGV traffic movements during out of hours arising from the expansion of the business. A restriction on delivery times would serve to protect the amenity of the surrounding area.
2. Construction hours to be restricted to Monday to Friday 8am- 6pm and Saturday 8am -12 noon. There is no assessment in the planning documentation about the number of HGV vehicle movements associated with the demolition of the two buildings and the construction of the new building, nor of the proposed hours of working. Therefore, in order to protect amenity of local residents in White Ash Green and the occupiers of Oaklands which shares the same access to Whitehouse Business Park, we ask that an additional condition is added to ensure that noise and traffic movements during demolition and site construction are restricted to daytime during the week and Saturday mornings only.
3. Finally, we wish to see the scope of condition 8 (external lighting) extended to include provision for local residents in addition to bats. The PC would like the terms of the proposed lighting scheme enhanced so that it considers the local residents' concerns about the impact from light spill, sky glow and glare and its effect on them, not just its effect on Biodiversity. This will allow residents to continue to enjoy their residential amenities without being affected by intrusive light levels.

Thank you.

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