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Subject: Stokefields Farm Highways Assessment. CV13 6HR - 25/00555/FUL

Hi Ashleigh and Louise

Hope you both had a good Christmas and New Year. As discussed with Ashleigh just before Christmas please see below our comments in relation to a Highways Assessment for the above planning application.

It is our belief that this additional building will not generate any more significant traffic to and from Stokefields Farm. Based on 2025 figures we will be looking to harvest 80 large round bales of hay (each bale = 1.2m diameter x 1.5m high) from our existing fields on site. In addition to this, we will be looking to bring a further 100 large round bales of hay from other sites within the Hinckley & Bosworth area. This will be carried out during July and August each year. Our tractor and trailer can carry 30 bales at a time, so approx 4 additional deliveries to Stokefields Farm. This means the total amount of bales stored on site in the new barn will be approx 180 bales. Approx 40 of these bales are used on site each year to feed existing animals, the balance of 140 bales will be sold. Generally, the demand for hay is greater during December and January, which is when these bales will be sold and delivered to existing customers, again within the Hinckley and Bosworth area. This will mean an additional 5 tractor and trailer journeys from Stokefields Farm each year.

With all the above being taken into account, we believe that as a result of the extra hay storage on site, an additional 9 journeys will be made during a 12-month period. The hay generated from other sites will be sold directly from the field as this is the most cost-effective way and again, this can be proven by invoices from this year's accounts. All other activities from Stokefields Farm remain unchanged. As a small farm, we do not commute to and from a place of work, so our impact on the local road network is less than most houses within Stoke Golding. The small amount of Agricultural Contracting work we undertake is weather and season-related, so again there is less impact on the road network. Also if this planning application is approved we will have sufficient storage on site for any unsold bales, or storage of existing machinery on site which will be out of public view, reducing the possibility of crime and vandalism.

Hoping this clarifies our position and justification that the local road network will not be significantly impacted by this planning application. Please let us know if you need any more information. Hope to hear back from you soon, thank you.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Stripp', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Guy Stripp
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