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Subject: 11/00557/FUL- Agricultural building at 1 Grange Road, Nailstone

Clive,

Further to our telephone this morning I am emailing you in relation to the above planning application to request further clarification on the need for the proposed 'agricultural' building.

At present it is considered that insufficient information has been provided to justify the scale of the proposed building, this view takes into account the existing size of the holding and the information that has been provided to date.

1) The design and access statement states that the building is required to store grass and hay. Can you provide a breakdown of the quantities of grass/hay that are cut from the contracting work in the National Forest and from the applicants holding. Where is this grass/hay currently stored and why isn't the existing agricultural building large enough to accommodate the storage of grass/hay. The fundamental question to ask in relation to the storage of hay/grass is whom this is sold onto after it has been stored- Is the building proposed to act as a storage facility only?
2) The building is proposed to act as an implement and machinery store. Can you provide a breakdown of the machinery and implements proposed to be stored within the building and highlight their purpose. (i.e. are they used in connection with existing agricultural operations on the small holding). Where is this machinery and implements stored at present. Is there sufficient space within the existing buildings to store the machinery/implements.
3) Loose compost- what is this compost used in relation to. Where is the loose compost currently stored and why has the situation changed in relation to the current storage arrangements. How much compost is delivered and stored in bulk at the site. Is the applicant seeking to increase their current arrangements in terms of the amount and frequency of compost to be delivered.
4) Logs- what are the logs used for- the information states that they are cut from the National Forest and that a small part of the proposed building is required for their storage. Are these logs sold onto the general public or are they for the personal use of the applicant. If only a small part of the building is required for storage of logs then why cant the existing building be utilised.
5) Is this small holding the applicants main source of income- what is the nature of both of your clients work.
6) Could the siting of the proposed building be re-considered- could it be re-sited closer to the existing agricultural building and polytunnels.

As you can see from the above issues there are a number of questions raised in relation to the actual need for the building in this case. Therefore based on current information a decision cannot be made. I look forward to hearing from you- your earliest reply will be appreciated.

Kind Regards

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