

Good evening,

I am here this evening to object to the planning application, as one of the nearest neighbours, as my house directly overlooks the sight.

Ove the past 22 months the applicant has tried to play the planning system to their advantage, by delaying their responses to queries raised during this process, the information they have provided to the Planning department has not always been complete, these include the ownership of the land, which according to a search of the land registry has not changed hands since 2001, but also more importantly about the landscape which the site sits in. If it wasn't for correspondence between the Planners and local residents the oak tree situated to the north of the access would be under threat if this proposal was approved, as the applicant didn't include this on any of their original documentation.

The bunds have been constructed as a cheap way to dispose of the hundreds of tonnes of soil generated during recent work on site. The applicant has stated that the bunds were constructed from the footing soil generated from the construction of the recent shed, the shed sits on pad foundations, one for each steel, so would have only generated a small amount of spoil, in fact the majority of this soil was generated from the 2,500 square meter of hard standing that was constructed at the same time. The bunds are an eyesore on the local landscape, and have been mentioned in all 20 of the letters of objection received by the planning department. There is no precedent for soil structures of this nature in the Gaddesby Brook Valley. These bunds sit in important view 7, as detailed in the neighbour hood plan, whilst the Applicant and Planning Department say the view is not is not significantly impacted, with respect, they were not familiar

with the view prior to the construction of the bund. The landscape across the valley opens up through the gaps in the hedges, and these views should be protected. Why should one persons cost saving measures, cost the local residents the views they have identified as being important in the local landscape?

The bunds are also clearly visible from our property, from the ground and first floor. The 4 m high grass and weeds draws the eye, as it contrasts with the tree line behind the site.

The proposed access has been described as a resubmission, and should be treated as such. This was first submitted back in 2008, when it was approved, however the site owner did not choose to carry out this work and the permission lapsed. The fact this this has previously been approved should not have any bearing on this application, as the planning framework has changed substantially since 2008, including the provision for the Neighbourhood plan which is a plan with real legal weight that directs development in the local area. Reading this document with relation to this application, it can be clearly seen that the bunds and access should be refused permission, as per my document circulated prior to this meeting.

The extensive widening of the gateway far beyond what is required by highways, is also a very contentious issue for the local village. There are 10 agricultural gate ways along Gaddesby Lane, with the largest currently measuring 13.5 meters, to have this gateway significantly wider will be totally out of character, and impact on the tree lined approach to the village.