

# *BYGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL*

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Dear Sir

**CASE REF 16/03211/1**

**Land adjacent Sewage Pumping Station Ashwell Road Bygrave**

Further to your letter to the Parish Council Clerk dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 the following observations to the Planning Application have been made

- None of the neighbours to the proposed scheme received notification of the planning application. The only notification was posted on the metal gates to the site which the footpath does not pass.
- It would have been advantageous if the developers had set up a public meeting to give a presentation through the Parish Council to the twenty local properties that this development would affect.
- When the site first came on the market a number of local residents sought Planners advice and were told that as this was in a conservation area/greenfield designation another building would not be allowed on this site particularly as it would have the effect of expanding the village boundary.
- The building as shown on the one drawing (PL02) is in excess of 4m at its highest point which would equate to roof plate level to the adjoining properties and although covered in grass the height would not be in keeping with the local terrain.
- Traffic to and from the village is by means of barely a two car width road in places. It is envisaged that delivery of raw materials; disposal of by products; visiting staff; collection of barrels and when in full production the public/pub landlords visiting the site for their own supplies parking and turning round in this area will become difficult, dangerous and a nuisance for local residents

- There has been a history of power and water fluctuations in the village.
- Re Notes to the application
  - The adjacent land. New fencing was installed as part of the first sale around the land still owned by the local water authority which encompasses a monitoring station and aerial
  - There are two close neighbours and in addition this development would impact on all twenty dwellings along the Ashwell Road
  - Where does the excess water discharge from the filtration beds
  - The village was promised that there would be no smells from the Bio-Plant on the A505 which has not proved to be the case. This may also be the case with this plant. It is stated there would not be an unpleasant smell - this is subjective and for the local residents to decide
  - The referred bus route is one bus out at 10am and return at 2pm.

This is a small village community already under stress with the threat of 3500 dwellings between Baldock and Bygrave and taking into account all of the above and taking into consideration there would be little or no benefit to this little village Bygrave Parish Council are unable to support this application.

Yours faithfully

Bygrave Parish Council