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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

9th February 2024 (by email)

Dear Kirsty Shirley,

Application no. 24/00039/FUL
Plot 2, The Braid, Astrope Lane, Long Marston, Tring
Construction of a barn to shelter sheep and creation of concrete access track

I write with regard to the above application to raise the following concerns.

1. The land identified for this proposed development is designated as Rural Area according to Policy CS7 Rural Area in the adopted Dacorum Core Strategy, where small scale development is permitted "provided that...it has no significant impact on the character and appearance of the countryside". In our view, the proposed building and concrete track do have a significant negative impact on the character and appearance of the open countryside in this location.
2. Whereas we note from the Design and Access Statement (in the absence of a Planning Statement) that the proposed development is in connection with an agricultural use, the Council should satisfy itself that such a building is genuinely required for sheep rearing, particularly in the circumstances of a new business, as appears to be envisaged by this application.
3. We are also concerned about the relatively isolated nature of the proposed building in the field and the concrete accessway which introduces an alien element into the countryside at this location. It may be appropriate, if the principle of a building and track are seen as acceptable, to consider a smaller building in a more peripheral location in the field to reduce visual impact.
4. CPRE Hertfordshire is concerned by the deterioration of the countryside through piecemeal and small-scale developments which can lead to a loss of visual amenity and damage the rural character of the area.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Berry
Planning Manager

NOTE: We would request that this letter is published on the Council's website as a document relating to this application and should be grateful if you would notify us of the date of the appropriate meeting if it is to be determined by planning committee.