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Response to consultation on planning application (R26/0387) - Field Farm, Plott Lane, Stretton-On-Dunsmore, Rugby, CV23 9HL

For: Retrospective application for the change of use of agricultural land to a HGV haulage yard.

Dear Mr Kerr,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on planning application R26/0387. The Parish Council has spent a significant amount of time studying the planning application.

Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council would like to **object** to the granting of planning application R26/0387 Field Farm on the grounds that the site is not a suitable location for the proposed HGV haulage yard.

The site at Field Farm may offer suitable space but can only be accessed via a single track lane in either direction. To the East via Plott Lane and the centre of the village, to the West via Plott Lane and Freeboard Lane to the Oxford Road. In both directions traffic from the site has to traverse approximately half a mile of single track, narrow, lane in which it is very likely to meet oncoming traffic. The nature of Heavy Goods Vehicles makes passing very difficult and causes erosion of the shoulders. Freeboard Lane has drainage ditches on both sides and is dangerous to pass at a number of points. Heavy Goods Vehicles increase the danger for pedestrians (in the absence of a footway), cyclists and horses (there is an active trading equestrian centre on Freeboard Lane).

The proposed site entrance is both adjacent to, and opposite, public allotments and public rights way so there are a lot of ramblers, dog walkers and other pedestrian traffic at that point.

The increased number of trips by cars and HGV is significant. The application details a small number of staff but these all arrive in vehicles in the morning, take their HGV out in the morning, return their HGV in the afternoon, and then leave work by car of an evening. The application does not seek to limit vehicle trips or the size of the operations.

In the twelve months that the site has operated without permission there has been significant deterioration of the shoulders of Freeboard Lane and Plott Lane reducing the grass verge and potholing the soil headlands making pulling over. increasingly dangerous. The once 3m grassed godcake at the junction of Plott Lane and Freeboard lane has been driven over so many times by heavy vehicles that it is currently just a patch of mud

On Behalf of Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council,

Kind Regards,



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Parish Clerk and RFO

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