AGENDA ITEM 5

APPENDIX 2

2020/0080/DET

REPRESENTATION
GENERAL COMMENT

I refer to my conversation last week with Dee regarding the above application.

Please find below my comments on the retrospective application:

'The lodging of this application, confirming that the landowner has no intention of reinstating the site, is disappointing.

I acknowledge that the site is allocated in the approved, but not adopted, 2020 Development Plan for economic development. Even, however, if that land use is confirmed through the planning process currently underway, given the current economic climate, it is unlikely that the site will be developed in the short term. This will continue to impact on the landscape as viewed from the A9 corridor and from the village which does not appear to meet the objective of the Park Authority in terms of conserving and enhancing the natural heritage of the area.

Given the case submitted on behalf of the landowner in response to the earlier consultation on the Development Plan – in respect of supporting the need and demand for economic development land in the village - it now seems contrary for the agent to state that the removal of existing services on site and returning the land to grazing will have a serious adverse impact on the site ever being developed.

Finally, the development description in the retrospective application includes landscaping. The submitted plans do not include any landscaping and I am not aware of any having been undertaken on site. Perhaps some clarification of this could be sought from the agent'.

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