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The Parish Council has serious concerns about this application. Whilst it accepts that the barn has been used for the storage of cars and other items in the past there is no evidence that this was a commercial activity. Indeed the Parish Council has been unable to find any residents who can substantiate the claim either. Therefore in the absence of any documentary evidence that Mr Brook used the barn for commercial purposes, the Parish Council must conclude that it is an agricultural building.

There is also the question of why the application only relates to the barn when it is readily apparent that the adjoining agricultural land is also being used for commercial purposes.

The Parish Council has received a number of enquiries as to the current use of the barn and the land around it and if it has the necessary planning permission.

Far from just being used for storage the site is clearly being used as a depot of some kind with significant numbers of vehicles coming and going. There are also concerns about what materials are being stored on site, with anecdotal evidence that gas cylinders may be being stored in the barn.

In addition to the large number of light vehicles/vans using the site there have been regular instances where HGVs have accessed the site. As Sterrys Lane is unsuitable for HGVs there have been numerous instances of HGVs reversing out on to the B4221 and creating unnecessary road safety issues. Also included below are photos of a HGV being unloaded in Northpole Lane, on the other side of the B4221, after it failed to navigate Sterrys Lane.

As a result it is the opinion of the Parish Council that the application relating to the barn should be refused, on the grounds that it is an agricultural building, and enforcement action taken to swiftly bring to a close commercial activity on the entire site. In support of this please find attached an email from a long term resident highlighting the history of the site together with photos of the activity taking place.



“ I refer to your memo dated 8/62023 and hope that the response date came extended. I have been a resident in Sterrys Lane for some 35 plus years, the only business carried out the premises was farming and that ceased on the then owners death. Latterly the buildings had been used for stabling of horses ,domestic effects and a couple of old vehicles, these being removed on the owners death. I attach photos showing the nature and scale of the business that is being carried at buildings without planning consent.

I am concerned that the increased traffic is both damaging to the road surface, drainage but most importantly is the safety aspect, I was made aware that a HGV was seen reversing out of Sterrys Lane on to the main road.

I feel that planning should be robustly opposed”

