



Date: 13.04.2023

REF:14/23/0015

Planning Officer: Mike Hicks

Dear Mike,

Erection of valet building, installation of flue and roller shutter door at Big Wood and Partners, Walford Cross, Taunton (retrospective)

At a meeting of Creech St Michael Parish Council held on the 11th April 2023, in the presence of ten (10) members of the community, the planning application reference 14/23/0015 was considered and the following is the response of Creech St Michael Parish Council.

Summary of our Response to the Application

The Parish Council has no objection or comments

The Parish Council has no objection, subject to the comments

The Parish Council objects in principle

The Parish Council objects as the application is not acceptable in its current format **X**

Comments

The Parish Council understand that the part of the application relating to the installation of a flume and roller shutter door relates to the installation of a rolling road dyno facility. Evidence presented to the Parish Council indicates that such a facility can create excessive levels of noise in the region of 125 dB(A).

Noise Pollution

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There is no reference in the application to the noise generated by the activities conducted within either the proposed valet building or the existing building and how that noise will be mitigated. There are three residential properties in very close proximity to the property and the Parish Council is concerned of the impact of unknown emissions, noise and pollutants on the near environment and the potential for impact on the water drainage systems.

According to the Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID), prolonged exposure to loud noise is the second biggest cause of hearing loss. The RNID states that long periods of exposure to sounds over 80dB(A) can damage an individual's hearing permanently. The Parish Council is concerned that the applicant has failed to recognise in their application, the impact of noise pollution on the neighbouring properties, particularly as anecdotal evidence indicates that the applicant's operation frequently runs until late at night.

Drainage

The application does not contain a drainage plan that indicates how harmful chemicals and water run off from the vehicle valet and detailing operation will be managed and mitigated. The Parish Council is concerned that the chemicals used may provide an environmental hazard and impact negatively on the mains drainage and nearby waterways.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Williams'.

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Clerk and RFO

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