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Subject: Planning Application Comments - 3/2021/0488

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Planning Application Reference Number: 3/2021/0488

Address of Development: TMG Sports Vehicle Building D (Units 16 to 21)
Mitton Road Business Park
Mitton Road
Whalley
BB7 9YE

Your Comments: We have lived at [REDACTED] since 12th March 2021 and as part of our discussions with the previous owners were assured that there was no issue with noise or inconvenience caused by TMG Sports Vehicles. We have discussed with the owners of 2 The Cottages who advise that the noise and the working times have been a problem for a number of years.

Since the 12th March, staff at TMG have worked every day including Weekends (Sat & Sun) and

Bank Holidays including Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

The working times outlined in the planning document (8am to 6pm Mon Fri, 9am to 1pm Sat and no working on Sunday or Bank Holidays) are completely ignored with staff arriving from 6-6:30am and quite often still working at 7, 8 or 9pm.

A major part of the planning application was the issue of noise affecting the residents of [REDACTED] and a noise survey was carried out. Although this is now 4 years out of date the recommendations outlined and included in the planning application are that Cutting ,Grinding and hammering of the Van bodies should be completed within the new extension with the roller doors closed. This is not happening and most days there are several hours of cutting, grinding and banging with the roller doors open. We approached Mr Grimes about this who said that his normal foreman was back in Lithuania and so control of the workers was not as it should be. Additionally he said that the extraction unit was broken but this should be fixed within 2 weeks. This has not happened and efforts to find out from Mr Grimes on when this would be completed have not facilitated a response. Mr Grimes mentioned that he was prepared to erect a sound proof fence to the side of the garden hedge for [REDACTED]. We do not have a problem with this providing it does not affect our access to the Front gate and rear driveway although we have concerns that this will mean that the roller doors are still left open as a consequence of the sound proofing.

Another proposal on the application is to alter the access to the rear yard of TMG by creating a separate driveway (between 2 & 3) on the proposed parking plan. There are a number of HGV articulated lorries that deliver goods to the rear yard and we don't think the proposed plan will allow them access. Additionally a large percentage of traffic is using the small access road next to [REDACTED] causing disruption and damage to the road surface. Although this is not wholly the responsibility of TMG the new access road further along the road should be used by all traffic and the business park owners should complete the road surface works. This also needs to include drainage as during heavy rain the runoff comes into both gardens, flooding the front because there are no drains installed at the front of the business park.

Another area of concern is the parking of vehicles. The planning application outlines specific parking to be used by staff and the various vans and completed horseboxes. On no occasion has the parking allocated to the staff (1 on the parking plan) been available for their use and the area is always full of old vans and partially cut up vans which are not secure at night. This causes the TMG staff to use other areas of the business park and other users to park where ever they can find which means congestion across the whole business park. There does not appear to be any reserved parking for [REDACTED] and visitors to us and the Business Park struggle to find parking during the day. Currently TMG have between 15 and 20 Vans in various stages of construction that are parked in areas 1, and 2 and the rear yard and also on the access road to the driveway to [REDACTED]. This has quite often meant asking them to move vehicles so that we can enter/leave our drive. The number of vehicles seems to be too many for the amount of space available.

As a conclusion we feel that TMG has outgrown the space that it has and that noise, parking and working time will only get worse. We do have photographs showing the parking issues on a daily basis which we can make available.