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I know many of the local residents in the area who have a detailed knowledge of local matters. I wish to register my objection to the above Planning Application for the following.

1. Joanland Farm is a farm in name only. No agricultural activities have been carried out other than to let out their land to a local farmer for grazing cattle and sheep in the 3.67 and 2.76 hectare fields. I understand this will not change.

2. The Applicant is claiming that the land that he owns is to be used for a hay crop extends to 11.2 hectare. This area includes the neighboring property, Land Registry Title No. WSX226051. A local resident has spoken to the current owner and he confirmed he has no knowledge of the Planning Application and has not agreed to allow Joanland Farm to take hay crops from his fields. Additionally, horses are kept at the property and their two fields comprising 4.6 hectare are used by the horses and would not be available for a hay crop. Therefore, this application is being falsified the actual area available for hay crop at Joanland Farm is only 6.4 hectare.

3. The hay crop from such a small area of land would not warrant the purchase, upkeep and storage of all the agricultural machinery stated.

4. Also again speaking to local farmers they have stated that there is no chance of getting two cuts of hay in a year. It is not achievable due to the heavy clay soil in the Horsham area and the dry summers which have become the standard. It is highly likely they will struggle to achieve even one low yield cut.

There is suspicion among local residents that the real aim here is to enable a rainwater harvesting scheme from the roof of the barn which would be sponsored by a proposed application nearby that has already been rejected twice. This would potentially allow them to try and claim water neutrality as an offset.

For the above reasons I strongly object to the Planning Application.

Kind regards,

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