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We must raise serious concerns about the inadequate and confusing documentation provided with this application. The labelling of plans as "Latest Plan" (14.08.25) and "Superseded Plan" (13.08.25) (both titled Proposed Site Plan DE1223/06 Rev P2) is not only misleading but creates unnecessary confusion for both objectors and the planning committee. We respectfully request that the planning authority clarify which documents constitute the current application before proceeding with any determination.

Furthermore, the application fails to provide clear details regarding the proposed "alterations to the driveway" beyond a basic gate installation, and the acoustic fencing specifications remain incomprehensible to residents without technical expertise. Such fundamental gaps in documentation should preclude approval until comprehensive, clearly labelled plans are submitted.

Inappropriate Siting and Scale

We maintain our strong objection to this wholly inappropriate development in a residential setting. The proposed two-storey "agricultural" barn positioned adjacent to our single-storey bungalow represents poor planning that disregards the established residential character of the area.

The 2.5-metre acoustic fencing compounds our concerns rather than addressing them, as it will further impact light, privacy, and the reasonable enjoyment of our property. Given that the applicant has access to approximately three acres of land, there is no compelling justification for positioning this substantial structure at the boundary line other than convenience.

Previous Objections Remain Valid

Our previous objections stand in their entirety and have not been addressed by these supplementary documents. The fundamental issues of:

- Loss of light and privacy
- Inappropriate scale and proximity to residential property
- Questionable agricultural (commercial) necessity in this location
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These concerns require substantive mitigation, not cosmetic adjustments.

Future Development Concerns

We understand this application may facilitate the future subdivision and sale of the site, with the barn forming part of a retained commercial operation. This raises significant concerns about precedent and cumulative impact that must be considered as part of this application, not deferred to future submissions.

We respectfully urge the planning committee to refuse this application on the grounds of inadequate documentation, inappropriate siting, and failure to demonstrate genuine agricultural (“commercial”) need in a residential context. Should the applicant wish to proceed, we request that they relocate the proposed building to a position that respects the residential amenity of neighbouring properties

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