



Bothenhampton & Walditch  
Parish Council since 1886

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Via email

Mr B Burden  
Senior Planning Officer  
Dorset Council  
Planning Team Area West

Dear Mr Burden

**RE: Application Number: P/VOC/2021/00495 - Homestead Farm, Main Street, Bothenhampton, Bridport DT6 4BJ**

Bothenhampton and Walditch Parish Council objects to this application.

The covering letter to the application states (para 1.4) that "...since [the last Committee meeting], the height differences between the approved and as built ridge lines have....been agreed. In the light of this information, we have been asked by Lead Project Officer to re-submit the application."

It is not clear what discussions may have taken place between the Planning Officer and the applicants since the Committee's decision in August 2020 to refuse the last application, the decision that is now the subject of an appeal process.

What is clear is that there appear to be no material changes in this latest application which would warrant the Committee changing its earlier decision. Certainly, the building has not got any smaller. It remains visually dominating, overbearing and out of character with its surroundings, as the Committee has noted.

We share the desire of many local residents to see an end to the whole saga. However, there are important points of principle at stake in the application, which, if not addressed, could have implications for future developments. Not least is the importance of adhering to the original planning permission and building what has been approved. If some divergence from the approved plans is required at a later stage, Local Planning Authority authorisation should be sought, especially if it involves height or mass and if the development is in a sensitive site. The covering letter explains that, when the steel frame was erected (in early 2019), and found to be incompatible with the subsequent design, "the only practicable solution was to build higher to accommodate the necessary insulation and services" (para 1.16). LPA permission does not appear to have been sought for this at the time, despite pre-planning discussions which had made clear the LPA's concerns over height and mass. It should not have been left to local residents to point out the height discrepancies.

The Parish Council continues to take a close interest in the matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A J Basker', is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Cllr A J Basker

Chairman

Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council

[clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com)

Website [www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com](http://www.bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com)

Cc:

[planningteamd@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:planningteamd@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

[darren.rogers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:darren.rogers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)