
Chestnuts Farm - PL/2026/00699/CLEUD

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Dear Benn

We would wish to register our concern about the proposed Certificate of Lawfulness application at Chestnuts Farm (PL/2026/00699/CLEUD). Although the site lies outside our Parish, it sits centrally within the Protected View identified in the Hampton in Arden Neighbourhood Plan.

The application appears to rely not only on evidence from the past 10 years but potentially references activity dating back to the 1990s. We would therefore ask that Solihull MBC carefully scrutinise the extent and reliability of the historical evidence submitted, particularly given that the current applicant has not owned or operated the land over that full period. It is not clear how such long-term use has been substantiated.

More recent history demonstrates that the farm has significantly expanded its industrialised and visually intrusive footprint over the last 10 years. Residents of Hampton in Arden and Barston have raised ongoing concerns and complaints, and there have been enforcement issues relating to the site's non-agricultural character and its visual and environmental impact.

In light of the above, we would urge Solihull MBC to review the application very carefully before granting any retrospective approval for a development that has been the cause of considerable concern and distress to neighbouring communities.

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Zooming in on building subject to this CLEUD



Kind regards.

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