

## **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATION**

### **RE-SUBMISSION –SEPTEMBER 2013**

**This Statement is submitted in support of a Town & Country Planning application for the erection of a 3m high security fence and associated camera poles by Apollo Cradles Ltd.**

Apollo Cradles Ltd. provides access equipment with a complete service from site survey to quotation, erection, re-positioning and dismantling. Equipment is available on weekly hire.

The Company has been trading from Carlton for above 25 years and employs around 50 people from the local area.

They had been losing work to competitors who had Mast Climbing machines. So eight years ago Apollo acquired similar equipment to try to win back some clients.

In the past two years they have purchased 160 used machines from failing companies in Spain and are currently turning work away because demand for their services is so high.

As part of their expansion plans they acquired the former bus depot at Shafton which was derelict at the time. They were supported by local people who didn't wish Aldi to purchase the site and build a supermarket.

The premises include a workshop building with ancillary stockyard for external storage of plant when not on hire.

Having had thefts from their yard in Carlton, including over £90,000.00 worth of aluminium equipment, they needed to make security a top priority at the Weetshaw Lane site. They successfully sued the insurance brokers after a 5 year battle and were paid for the theft. However their Insurers now insists on a 3m high solid fence.

The company has made a significant investment at the Weetshaw Lane site in plant and equipment and there is a strong need for areas of secure storage. The equipment is suitable for external storage, however this makes it vulnerable to thieves.

The Applicant is aware of examples of thefts from similar sites this includes vehicles with lifting equipment parking adjacent low (2m) high fencing and hoisting items over the fence. The proposed screening will deter crime of this type.

The lack of high screening and clear unrestricted views into the storage area from the site boundary means that, because the equipment etc can be seen, it becomes a target for potential criminals.

In August of this year security cameras recorded intruders stealing from the yard. The DVD submitted with the application shows the initial reconnaissance of the site taking place where the screening is not in place. The intruders had the opportunity to assess the items they sought through the areas of low level fence that is without additional screening. The theft taking place is also shown

Clearly this is an unacceptable situation and the Applicant is seeking protect their investment and assist with meeting their Insurer's requirements by erecting a security fence and screen.

The main functions of the proposed perimeter security measure will be:

- provide a physical barrier to anyone attempting to enter the premises unlawfully
- to screen the storage area from the public areas for amenity reasons
- to prevent, as far as possible, potential thieves from having a clear, unrestricted view of the valuable equipment and materials on the premises.
- to be of sufficient height to prevent the theft of equipment etc by mechanically lifting goods over the perimeter fence.

The proposal is to replace the existing galvanised sheeting with profiled sheeting coloured dark green with Colorcoat® PVDF. This is a thin solution coating product that is particularly well suited to exterior wall cladding.

- Smooth 27 µm poly vinyl di fluoride stoved fluorocarbon coating offering good colour retention and stability.
- Galvanised substrate to BS EN 10346:2009 with a zinc metallic coating offering very good corrosion resistance.
- High performance reverse side backing coat.

This is supplementary to the existing palisade and barbed wire perimeter fence.



The existing, low palisade fence alone does not provide adequate protection or security due to the clear vision it allows into the storage area from street level. It is too low to prevent the more efficient criminals who may use equipment to lift items over the fence.