

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATION

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.

Apollo Cradles has been trading from Carlton for above 25 years and employ around 50 people from the local area.

They had been losing work to competition 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 bought the former bus depot at Shafton which was derelict at the time. They were assisted by locals who didn't want 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. They successfully sued the insurance brokers after a 5 year battle and were paid for the theft. However their insurance 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.

To protect their investment and to assist with meeting their Insurer's requirements a security fence has been erected along the lines shown on the submitted drawing. This is supplementary to the existing palisade and barbed wire perimeter fence.

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