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Dear Sir,

Please find a planning application for the storage of calcium carbonate sand at a site off Manchester Road. The material is a mineral material currently stored at the coast by the owning company, Advanced Minerals, currently located in Deepcar and employing 11 workers. The current storage arrangements are prone to contamination and logistical issues in being remote from the company base.

The requirement is the outdoor, (but tarpaulin covered) storage of 10,000 tons of the material in an area approximately 50 x 50 x 3m. It would be transported in bulk tipper (30 x tonnes each load) 3 – 4 per day over a period of a few months, not at the weekend and between the hours of 12 – 4 pm. In total 330 movements in 83 days of movements. The use will be acceptable to the company over a *limited period of approximately 3 years*.

The material will be removed at intervals for use, to demand, over this period of time. It is dried screened and blended at the company base and delivered in recyclable bags and pallets.

The site ideal for the purpose is located off the Manchester Road with an existing access road previously extensively used by Hepworth for quarrying activity over 30 years without any recorded traffic difficulties from the heavy vehicles using the access.

The site itself is identified in an environmental survey of the area produced for the Environment Agency in late 2011 as a fertilizer storage area in connection with a major recycling and compost producing business (Naturally Wild Survey, copy enclosed)

The site boundaries are bunded deeply on three sides and are invisible from Manchester Road and a remote 1200 metres from Whams Road and visually lost in

the landscape, fields and vegetation. When covered in green tarpaulin it will not have any noticeable impact on the countryside.

The land owner, in line with current Government land management policy to encourage green agricultural practices, welcomes this storage facility on a previously used site as part of the long term "Regenerative Farming" direction for the farm. He has recently completed a course in this new methodology to reduce climate change and is currently reversing the normal reliance on artificial fertiliser and reducing ploughing to avoid releasing CO2 into the atmosphere. Soil restriction now accounts for 30% of CO2 emissions entering the atmosphere and burning accounts for 18% nearly equalling emissions from fossil fuels.

The council has declared a climate emergency and the farm will become a beacon for positive action in the Barnsley area. I have enclosed details of the initiative as proof of the intention for the farm.

By supporting this initiative in mineral storage the farm can use this diversification project to help offset the costs of the new, less intensive method of working, to the benefit of the Green Belt and climate change overall and offset the loss of yield on the farm. The jobs of the workers involved will be protected by the storage initiative with nothing but positive results for Green Belt land and the Council's objectives on climate change.

The site has, in the past, been used for storage and this short term use will have no impact on the intended use of the Green Belt as set out in the NPPF (para 134)

The overall site area beyond the proposed storage platform is managed to support wild life and is inhabited by ground nesting birds and in particular by numerous plovers in the nesting season.

The site is deliberately managed to be free of any tree planting as carrion crows use the high branches as platforms to locate the nests of the plovers on the ground to rob the nests of eggs. The previously suggested tree survey is pointless as no trees are encouraged by the land owner in the interest of the bird wild life of the area. Some small scale shrubbery will be introduced on top of the existing bunding to complete the screening of the site but no trees are on or close to the site.

No public access is encouraged and all manner of existing wildlife will not be impacted by this storage, similar in character with previous storage use, or common agricultural stacks of hay or agricultural waste.

I have included recent photographs of the storage area, copies of information supplied in previous information exchanges and correspondence from the land owner as supporting background.

The proposal will help fund the major change in proposed farm management, have no impact on the use or quality of the Green Belt, support jobs in South Yorkshire, support the Council's initiative on Green Issues, conform to Government Policy of land management and subsidy funding in future years and benefit the overall ecology

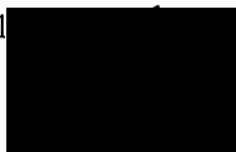
of the land. It will be acceptable to restrict the use to meet the timescale required by the Company for its needs in the next few years.

It is believed that overall acceptable special circumstances are demonstrated to allow the project to be supported and the Council will be able to help deliver its own agenda in a positive proposal which is deliverable and with no cost to the Authority.

The use of the land is a minor step away from previous fertiliser storage use but with less visual impact as the area will be covered in green material rendering it inconsequential from long distance views.

The development is a way of demonstrating to the Borough and other regional areas that the Council is embracing real action on climate change issues and not just rhetoric without concrete action including thoughtful response to a serious environmental opportunity and future employment of land workers and land owners.

Yours faithfully





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Subject: Hazelhead Hall - mineral storage enquiry

Dear Hannah,

Please find attached Company notes from Advanced Minerals. Also information from the land owner about the direction of the farming activity which includes the site area.

The site is only visible from very restricted locations and in appearance from such a distance will be no different from normal mounds of agricultural material especially covered silage stacks. The hay is normally covered when away from any buildings as it can be attacked by birds which peck at the bales.

Agricultural support is encouraged in the NPPF (para 83) and the existing hard surface is not in any way supporting the actual purpose of Green Belt (para 134) This issue was recognised in the preparation of proposals in the agreed Local Plan for Housing Sites.

Mr. Booth is attempting to deal in a major way with Green Issues and support the jobs of a South Yorkshire business. On balance I hope you can agree this land use which helps fund the farm development and support the economy, is sufficient in circumstance to support the venture which is, in any event, not a permanent use and for the most part will not be noticed.

We can obviously agree delivery times on a road with long sight lines able to deal with all traffic and servicing the site by a well screened private track.

Yours sincerely

Michael Clynch

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