Tabled Paper for Item 2.3, 16/501136/FULL, Parsonage Farm, Parsonage Lane, Bredgar

## **BREDGAR PARISH COUNCIL**



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Dear Sir

## PARSONAGE FARM, PARSONAGE LANE, BREDGAR, KENT ME9 8HA 16/501136 FULL

Thank you for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in relation to the above planning application.

The Parish Council members have considered the original application alongside the Planning Report published 18<sup>th</sup> May, including the conditions set out in section 9.

We note that the height of the proposed store has been reduced by one metre, which we welcome, and, strictly provided that all of the recommended conditions are applied, with the amendment suggested below, Bredgar Parish Council will not raise any further objection to the proposal.

In relation to condition (7) you are referred to paragraph 2 of our letter of 22 March, as follows:

"The applicants suggest that, because production will not be increased, the impact on traffic will be neutral. If this were not to be the case in the future, for example, if the facility were to be used for storage of grain not produced on the farm, or if the farm were to expand, the resultant increase in heavy goods traffic in the surrounding rural lanes would be a serious concern."

We note that the recommendation of KCC Highways and Transportation, in their letter of 16<sup>th</sup> May, was that only crops produced on the holding of SW Attwood & Partners should be stored in the building. Condition (7) expands this to cover the whole of Kent, which does not address our concerns. We would ask that the Highways department formula for the condition be applied instead of that in the report, and further restricted. As we understand

it, the applicants to have holdings on the Isle of Sheppey, with adequate storage facilities, so we suggest that it would be appropriate to state that only crops produced on the holdings of SW Attwood & Partners *in Bredgar and its immediate surroundings* should be stored in the proposed building.

Finally, to be absolutely clear, the relaxation of our opposition is contingent on the reduction in height, and the imposition of the conditions, including the screening, with trees and the embankment.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to Bredgar Parish Council