IDRIDGEHAY ALTON AND ASHLEYHAY PARISH COUNCIL

Mark Penford
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Dear Mr Penford

AVA/2020/0988 – Land off Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay

The site for this application for the construction of an agricultural building and track is in open countryside within the Special Landscape Area adjacent to the Idridgehay Conservation Area and not located within or adjacent to any existing farm buildings.

As such, a building of this size at the highest point of the hillside, despite its colour, would be unduly prominent in the landscape and would not enhance the distinctive landscape characteristics and settlement pattern of the Neighbourhood Area.

The proposal is therefore contrary to the Neighbourhood Development Plan Landscape Policy L1 (a), (b) and (f).

In seeking a solution to this issue the Parish Council asks

- is there not a better site on the applicant's holding for this development?
- if no better site is available, could the proposed building be positioned further back (towards the south-west) where the land starts to fall away to lessen the visual impact?

Yours sincerely

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