ALDERWASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Ms L Anthony
Amber Valley Borough Council
Town Hall
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15 February 2022

Dear Ms Anthony

AVA/2022/0037 – Erection of Agricultural Building (may affect the setting of a listed building)

The Council has considered this application and made the following comments:

This is in fact a retrospective application as the barn has been built and the roof is on. The Parish Council finds this unacceptable as due process that all other villagers follow has not been adhered to.

We wish to make the Planning Authority aware that there is already an agricultural building on the site in which they store their machines, so the Council thinks the new one has more to do with development than agriculture which the applicant is not involved in.

We question whether the acreage of agricultural land owned by the Mr Keith Marshall-Clarke is sufficient to allow an agricultural building. The proposed site being outside the curtilage of the Bear Inn and in green fields. Having viewed the site, building already appears finished.

The application states the barn is in the style of the adjacent "holiday chalet".

We note page 7 9.b there is underfloor heating in the application. We question whether this is consistent with a building the purpose of which is the storage of agricultural implements.

Page 7 9. there is "eco-friendly insulation in the floor and ceiling" again is this more consistent with a residential building than an agricultural building which is being applied for.

It rather appears that although this application is for a barn initially, the intended purpose is for ultimate conversion in to a further holiday chalet.

It is the opinion of the Council that the ever on going development at the Bear is becoming a blot on the landscape from the village looking up the hill it is in a very visible position. The Parish Council's recollection of the original or proper name for the establishment was " YE OLDE BEAR INN IN THE LANE" and whilst anyone can change a name - the one on the given plan "Bear Hotel" epitomises the attitude to change and development which has plagued the Bear in recent years. It was an historic landmark in a superb, if somewhat wild and isolated setting. It is now more of an eyesore than an asset or attraction which considering its listing

and its place in an area of acknowledged natural beauty is tragic

We request that the Planning Authority consider our observations and that this application is considered in conjunction with application AVA /2022/0038 as they are both in the environs of the Bear Inn (Listed Building)

Yours sincerely

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