

Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



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Dear Louise

PLANNING APPLICATION 0351/14 – BLACKDOWN PIPER FARM

Although Blackdown Piper Farm lies outwith Dartmoor Forest Parish boundaries the impact of this development significantly affects its parishioners and consequently Dartmoor Forest Parish Council formally objects to the proposed development.

Condition 5 of the original consent to construct this barn, 0039/10, was that '*All foul drainage including foul surface run-off must be disposed of in such a way as to prevent discharge to well, borehole, spring or watercourse*'. This new application claims its purpose is to '*reduce the risk of polluting groundwater and water courses*'. Doubling the size of this unsightly development is an extremely poor option to overcome a failure to comply with the conditions of the original planning consent.

A significant problem with this development has been the surface water run-off, particularly where it carries gravel onto the county road and causes road icing in the winter. There is nothing in this application to address the current problem, nor about how the applicant proposes to deal with the increased run-off from a massively increased roof area.

The site of this development has been poorly chosen. It is a visual eyesore in a beautiful and otherwise unspoilt valley and is clearly unsuited to be able to deal with the environmental contamination and surface water run-off created by its operation. This council believes it would be inappropriate to increase the size of the development on this site. Rather than focussing on large-scale building expansion, the applicant ought to be concentrating on meeting the original planning consent conditions by putting in place effective measures to control, contain and process the environmental contamination and surface run-off caused by the operation of this site. If this cannot be achieved, consideration should be given to moving the operation to a site where these basic conditions can be met.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Tigwell'.

Nigel Tigwell
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