

This planning application has the taste an urban future about it. An industrial building, no matter how pretty, set in open countryside.

Although my home, and that of John Belcher and Peter Cullen at the corner lodge are most affected, it should not be overlooked that the whole village would be affected as well.

This planning application goes against several Council planning policies regarding building on the open countryside. Those policies exist for good reason, and should not be put aside lightly.

If approved, this application would introduce an industrial building onto the 25 acres of natural, tranquil, English woodland, in the open countryside, on the edge of Aynho. An area which has almost always been a haven for wildlife. It could lead in the long term to increased traffic, more lorries, more noise and more pollution.

GL 50, the company asking for this permission, are Property Developers. The company's website lists several properties they are developing, and selling. Why should land in Aynho be any different?

Property developers build on land, change the environment, change people's lives, and move on. They build for financial gain. It would be naïve to think otherwise.

GL 50 say that the proposed building is for up to 60% use as a manufacturing facility for furniture and plaster casts, and 40% for storage. But if approved and built it could be eventually be used for any light industrial or office use, sold or commercially let. It is more of a factory than anything else. Don't be fooled by use of the word 'Heritage'.

And as we know, there are shopping centre ambitions for the site, with more traffic, more lorries, less safety and less security for all of us as well.

GL 50 refer to the site as 'previously developed' but Aynhoe Corner Wood is no more a brownfield site, because of its old buried concrete tracks, than it would be if there were a long buried roman road. Indeed South Northants Council considered the site as 'undeveloped' in 2008.

The decision that you are about to take this evening can either sow the seed of urbanisation, or maintain our countryside, English woodland, and quality of village life.

I know I speak for many Aynho residents when I ask our councillors to please think long term, employ informed wisdom in your decision, and object to the application.