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Re: Application ref: 2016/0849/P

Dear Sir(s),

We have viewed this application with certain reserves. It is true that the site is currently an “eye-sore” and has been for some years.

However, the current application is deficient in some respects.

- (1) The construction management plan is inadequate to allow local residents to anticipate the impact that these building works will cause.
- (2) The plans imply a basement. This will cause a disruption to local ground-water flow. This is in an area with a considerable history of subsidence, due to changes in ground water flow. I have lived here since 1987 and have personally seen 5 spontaneous road collapses in the New End Square area. None of these were minor, and one of which “swallowed” a car, and proceeded to litigation for damages.
- (3) The weight of the lorries (fully loaded) needed to remove the sub-soil to create a basement, will likely cause yet another subsidence, with consequent risk to drivers, pedestrians, and in particular, children going to school on foot. There are 3 schools within 300 metres, and probably 500 children and their parent(s), all of whom could be put at risk.

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