

Manor Farm

ABBOTTS ANN

Re: Manor Farm community survey

Date 30/08/18

To the residents of Abbots Ann & Monxton,

We are the owners and descendants of a family who have been occupying the site at Manor Farm since 1950. Having Listened to the voice of our neighbours and the wider community, we understand there are concerns with the lorry's that access the site, and our desire is to find a solution to this problem.

We write with the intention of answering some of your questions and to invite you to an exhibition we will be hosting at the Abbots Ann Hall on the 13th Sep 2018 between 7:30pm – 8:30 pm

Who we are: Back in 1950 our families were farming the land around Abbots Ann. And as times moved on other activities were required to earn a living to support the family.

Further, the development in farming and advancement in machinery resulted in our small farm not being sustainable, and in 2002 the land was taken over by a larger neighbouring farm, leaving us with our other occupations and sources of income that had been running alongside the farming operations; including the manufacturing businesses where we still work today.

What is it all about? There have been ongoing complaints from our neighbours over many years (including when we were farming) regarding the large vehicles that access our site. These problems have organically grown over many years and are a result of the constantly changing and developing world we live in. It is clear that the large lorry's and volume of traffic is causing concerns and frustrations to our neighbours in both Abbots Ann and Monxton.

Why it's time to change? Transport and vehicle advancements have shown a steady trend of larger equipment and lorry's. Our site at Manor Farm was clearly not designed to cater for this - as made obvious by the small roads that lead to the site.

We feel uncomfortable about the frustrations caused and are looking to work with the local community (you) to provide a solution to the issue.

The Solution: Following a lot of work and research, we currently see that the most suitable solution is to change the use of the site from commercial to residential, to not only take away the lorries and large vehicle activity but also reduce the overall volume of traffic. Such a change would also finance the relocation of our existing businesses to a more appropriate commercial location, helping to protect local jobs. This letter is accompanied by a leaflet explaining in more detail.

Survey:

We kindly ask you to carefully read through the leaflet and *answer the questions below*, to establish your thoughts and to ensure that we are well informed in order to get the best possible outcome for the site and address the current challenges.

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| 1. Were you aware of the potential change of use to Manor Farm before receiving this letter? | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you think Manor Farm causes problems with HGV and delivery vehicles in the village? | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you feel satisfied that the traffic situation will be improved by the change to residential use? | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Mix of housing - If the site is to be developed for residential purposes, based on the special circumstances of the site, would it be best to have: 1) fewer larger units 2) more small units 3) a mix of both | | |
| 5. Dose the brochure answer your concern regarding, setting a precedent for development between Abbots Ann and manor farm. | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please either email your answers to bryce@pencharduk.com, post them to Manor Farm or hand them to us at the event on the 13th September. We look forward to seeing you at this event, where you can speak with us and ask any further questions you may have.

Yours Faithfully

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