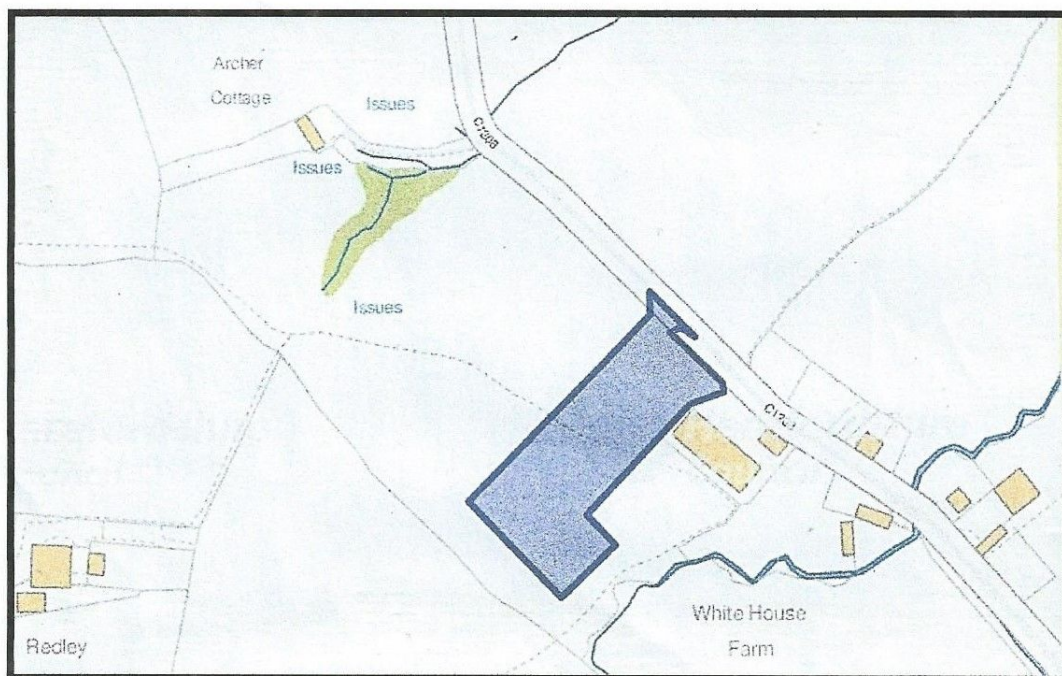


Response to the Planning Application for an egg production unit at White House Farm,
Archenfield from residents of Archenfield and district. August 22nd. 2016.

To Mary Morgan, Coopers Hall. The Penoyre Trust, Hardwicke Court.

The enclosed letter has been written and signed by local residents who want you to know that we are deeply concerned about the planning application to build an intensive egg production unit in Archenfield. We are surprised that the Penoyre Trust would approve it, especially as the Moor Estate has a reputation for the careful, considerate and conscientious way it has been managed over many years. Some residents suggested that as the Estate owns land on both sides of the main road an alternative location could be found, away from residential properties, with less impact on the landscape and tourism and with better access for a development of this scale. Most residents are shocked that the Estate would even consider this type of factory farming industrial development in the midst of our beautiful, unspoilt countryside.

We understand that the application has been temporarily withdrawn in order to complete assessments requested by Hereford Council and it will be resubmitted in the near future.



A statement of concerns with regard to the Planning Application for an egg production unit at White House Farm from residents of Archenfield and district.

To Mary Morgan, Coopers Hall. The Penoyre Trust, Hardwicke Court.

As residents of Archenfield and the surrounding area, we feel a responsibility to protect its unique landscape and environment. We would wish to leave this beautiful and precious corner of Herefordshire at least as unspoilt as it is now, for future generations to enjoy. In our view the proposed egg production unit, sited in the heart of our community, would destroy the natural balance and ecology of this landscape.

This enormous facility, with the building alone measuring 105 metres in length, compared with the building at Upper Broadmeadow which is 65 metres long, would have too large an impact on the landscape, its industrial design, scale and proportions would be incongruous and inconsistent with its surroundings. The field systems are ancient and small, the existing farm buildings are traditional in nature. It would be impossible to hide this massive construction behind mitigating trees and earthworks as it would occupy the focal point of a natural amphitheatre and be overlooked from residential properties, public footpaths, lanes, bridleways and the Scheduled Monument of Mouse Castle, visited by the Rev. Francis Kilvert at Easter in 1870. The scenic and amenity value of Archenfield would be degraded for locals and tourists alike. A long length of old, habitat-rich hedgerow would have to be ripped out and replaced with concrete for HGV access. This facility would necessitate regular visits several times a week, through all seasons, by HGV's on a busy lane that by its narrow, winding nature is already difficult to negotiate. The fabric of the lane, poorly drained in sections is not designed for heavy HGV usage, which could cause it to disintegrate. Another impact of these enormous HGV's using this lane is the anxiety it would create because of the increased likelihood of accidents for regular users such as residents, holiday makers, delivery vehicles, horse riders, school transport and school children who need to walk to and from the main road. The increase of HGV's on the B4348 is also a major concern.

If this proposal went ahead it would set a precedent locally, creating the threat of more of these intensive chicken units being built. These units are apparently not sustainable, the intensive mass production process is self-defeating, producing quantity not quality, on a price-lowering spiral, controlled by huge American conglomerates, with their own global agenda and not that of the

U.K. market. They provide the feedstuff, a lot of which is imported from South America, grown on land acquired by clearing forests and none of the feed would be produced on the farm. It is questionable as to whether a single unit such as this one would be viable in the near future, almost 14 per cent of the agent Ian Pick's approvals last year were to expand existing sites.

The welfare, cruelty, ethics and economics of confining chickens in similar intensive units is constantly being questioned by animal rights organisations including Friends of the Earth. We would find it very distressing living near to this intensive factory farming operation. We chose to live in the country surrounded by farms and traditional local agriculture. We chose to live here to breathe clean, unpolluted air. This industrial unit would be regularly venting smelly, ammonia-rich, noxious fumes containing harmful bacteria, bio-aerosols and particulates, extracted by seven powerful, noisy, unfiltered electric fans into a natural geographical bowl, that in certain weather conditions, such as seasonal temperature inversions and still calm days, would not allow them to escape, which would be a constant worry for those of us and our children with existing respiratory ailments and also the long term effects on all of us of breathing in these fumes.

This 15,000 chicken unit would require copious amounts of water, especially during its annual cleanout, from a source that is the only supply for many of us and we fear it may not cope with this extra demand. The annual cleanout of almost 500 tons of excrement and waste would render the lane impassable and the stench would be intolerable. It's a considerable worry that the runoff from this quantity of toxic muck would drain into nearby Hardwicke Brook, polluting the watercourse, endangering its wildlife and affecting Clifford School's use of it for ecological studies.

The proposal would bring no benefits whatsoever for our community, the local economy would be neither enriched or improved, it would create no extra local employment, its only effects would be negative, turning away tourists and driving down the value of local properties.

Some residents feel unable to express their concerns, or sign this letter, because of their links to your Estate. This planning application is already causing anxiety and division between longstanding neighbours, friends and residents in this previously harmonious community.

In view of all these concerns we urge you to re-evaluate the overall impact this factory unit would have on Archenfield and all of its inhabitants and withdraw your support for this application.

We, the undersigned, have all contributed to the enclosed statement and are all in agreement that it should be handed to Mary Morgan, Hardwicke Court.

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