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Dear Mr Simcock

We wish to register our objection to the lawfulness application for the builder's yard and workshop for the preparation and storage of building materials and mechanic's workshop for the repair and servicing of cars, plant and machinery.

We have lived at Honley since July 1984 and can categorically state that the land in question has always been designated as green belt, with no planning history.

As the applicant has chosen to deem the Statutory Declarations "private and confidential" and not to be posted in the public realm, we are unable to view their statements and evidence. We, therefore, outline our evidence and statement to support our objections.

In 2018 there was one container and two brick built structures on the north part of the land. In March 2019 the number of containers had increased to six, but because they were deemed at "temporary" nothing could be done to have them removed. I believe the former owner was in full time employment and if he was running these businesses on this land from 01-01-2010 it will be evidenced by his accounts being submitted to HMRC and registration for business rates with KMC.

In 2022 we understand the land was sold to the current owner, who set up a business preparing/processing/storing stone. A row of large hay bales, three high were placed on the boundary to conceal their activities, one row has recently been removed as it was in danger of collapsing onto the road. In recent months a boundary wall has been erected and two wider gated entrances have been installed, without planning permission. Large wagons are regularly being loaded in the road which is a 50 mph zone.

In 2015 we raised our concerns to KMC that a structure had been erected to store scaffolding poles and violation to the badger sett located on a small area of land to the South just off Chandler Lane by the former owner of the first cottage who is now deceased.

All the above facts, timeline of how the landscape has changed is evidenced by viewing Google Maps/Earth; August 2009, August 2010, May 2011, March 2019 and April 2023.

We request our personal information be redacted in accordance with GDPR.