

We wish to object to the planning application 2025/91837/W... On the following grounds:

Contrary to the Agents Planning Statement the following items are either untrue or misleading.

After Mr Paxmans previous landscaping business he commenced storing his equipment, which included tractors and other plant equipment, in outbuildings at 114 Gawthorpe Lane, this was in 2019. The outbuildings belonged to a friend of his. The neighbours next to 114 Gawthorpe Lane complained to the owner and to Mr Paxman and finally to planning about the noise and disruption. The noise and disruption was caused by the loading up of equipment and moving the plant around at all times of the day. It eventually went to planning enforcement in January 2020. Consequently, the business moved to 104 Gawthorpe Lane, Mr Paxman's home address, in May 2020.

In 2020 Mr Paxman explained to us that the storage of his plant and equipment at his home would be only temporary whilst he and his son built the business back up and they would then be moving into premises away from our quiet hamlet. However the business soon began to expand with more employees, more plant and more deliveries. We complained about the noise issues and pointed out that we now felt as though we were living on an industrial site rather than the green belt hamlet we lived in. Mr Paxman assured us on several occasions that working from his own address was only temporary. We repeated this conversation many times, our complaints became more frequent, and he finally admitted that We then took our complaint to Councillor Bernard McGuin who took it to planning in August 2023. It went to planning enforcement in September 2023. More recently the case has been taken up by Councillor Alison Munro. The Agents planning statement states that the business has been operating from Gawthorpe Lane since 2019, without any complaints, this clearly is simply not true.

The statement states that the site has been tidied up, which of course it was whilst the photographs were taken but the industrial bags full of landscape paraphernalia are back.

The wagons are on the drive regularly piled high with pallets covered with industrial sheeting, they were parked on the drive all weekend dated 18th July photograph below. Weekend dated 25th July the driveway was again full of loaded up wagons and one was also parked on the road, photographs below. This is not in keeping with green belt.

The statement states that no work takes place at the premises. However, the employees arrive each morning to load up the wagons. The forklift truck is used frequently during this time and the noise is intolerable. The plant when being loaded also creates unacceptable noise. The loading up is often done on the narrow road, Gawthorpe Lane. When the wagons have been loaded up and have left for site, some of the employee cars are left parked on the roadside. Both issues often cause traffic congestion.

In the winter months the loading up often begins at 6.30 in the morning, in the summer months anytime from 7 a.m. The noise during this time causes us to wake up early and disrupts our sleep pattern.

At times when the employees come back in the afternoon, they use an industrial pressure washer to clean the wagons, the noise from this machine is insufferable and is inescapable in the whole of our house. This operation can go on for two hours or more. When they are using this machine water runs down the road causing the drain at the top of our drive to get blocked, on a regular basis.

The plant in the garden, the statement declares, is temporarily stored. This again is untrue. There is *always* plant in the garden. A couple of items may be taken on jobs and then returned but it is rare that they are away for long. The two vehicular driveways mentioned in the planning statement are inadequate for the number of vehicles stored there. Very often a wagon will be parked on the narrow road all weekend. During the working week employee vehicles are parked on the road all day. The agent's statement says that vans are parked on the driveways, the vehicles are wagons and trucks not vans.

The statement states that Mr Paxman has moved some of his equipment to a temporary location in Dalton, should this planning be passed then they will surely be back.



The first three above photographs were taken on Friday evening 18th July 2025. The second two photographs were taken on Friday evening 25th July 2025.



Photographs below taken Monday lunchtime 28th July

