Item R1
Little
Stambridge
Hall, Little
Stambridge
Hall Lane,
Rochford

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## 1. Neighbour Representation

One letter has been received from the following address:-

Little Stambridge Hall Lane: "Windsor"

And which in the main makes the following comments and objections:-

- Object on the basis there are already adequate structures that can be used. These buildings are currently being used for non– agricultural businesses. As a result, there has been an increase in non–agricultural transportation on Little Stambridge Hall Lane.
- Residents, horse riders and walkers are concerned with the reckless driving during the business day and late in the evening.
- A petition has been submitted to the appropriate administration raising concerns of the safety of residents, walkers and their domestic animals and this is yet to be resolved.
- Although speed monitoring equipment was installed, it was positioned too close to the junction with Stambridge Road, thus giving an inaccurate reading.

## 2. Further Letter from the Applicant's Agent

In terms of the occupation of the other building on site and the evidence I have, the caravan repair business has occupied the building on site since July 2004 when the barn became redundant from its agricultural use and I have several items of correspondence from 2004 when the rental arrangement was being set up. From May 2001 until 2004, a firm called Unirak occupied the building in connection with their narrow boat business and I have a letter from the owner of this company confirming this and also letters dated 2002 between Unirak and the owner of the site regarding the occupation of the building. As confirmed by the closing of the enforcement case, the use has therefore been on-going for in excess of 10 years.

The existing buildings on site in terms of size and specification are not suitable because a new purpose built and modern facility is required on the holding, suitable for modern farming practices and standards. There is a need for investment in agriculture on the holding. The other buildings are not suitable due to their condition and poor access for modern farm machinery. No new buildings have been erected for quite some time and the new modern/flexible facility is required so that the business can function efficiently. Our clients, for example, are very aware that they need to store increasingly more expensive agricultural machinery in a manner that will enable them to last as long as possible.

The building will be used for general storage, for hay, straw, fertiliser, machinery (as seasonally required) and the size will enable the facilities required to be all under one roof.