

## A Statement of Community Involvement

### To accompany application 20/04914/MAF

The land is just off Dockfield Rd and is separated either side of the bridge the neighbouring properties are:-

- 1) Small Mechanics Garage
- 2) Closed Down Children's Play Centre
- 3) Regents House Envelopes

There are no residential properties adjacent the site therefore no consultation with neighbours has been undertaken.

This application is for the storage of large valuable and sensitive equipment for many local business, main client been Airedale Air Conditioning that provides necessary and essential equipment for hospitals.

The scheme is for light industrial storage and all neighbouring businesses will not be affected by the proposals as all works are confined within the site boundary. All existing boundary walls and treatments are to be retained and all storage buildings are located far away from these features as to not disturb them.

The client Chris Wright of Baildon has several sites in the area, there is a similar storage site further up the road on Dockfield with the same storage buildings and has had prior approval under application 19/03392/OUT. This site is simply an extension of his current facilities to allow him to carry on serving local businesses that rely on his storage facilities for their valuable equipment.

He has put together the below synopsis of his company and their involvement in the local community and their long establishment within Baildon / Shipley constituency.

#### Chris Wright (Baildon) Limited – A Brief History

A synopsis of the main events spanning the last 50 years charting the progress of what is now an established company and significant employer. From its inception as a Sole Trader to a group of companies employing over 80 people, illustrating forward thinking and practical application.

#### 1967

- Chris Wright driving his own tipper wagon as a self- employed owner driver.
- Renting Tank Garages Coach Road Baildon from BUDC as an operating centre.
- Employing drivers and increasing the fleet to 5 tippers serving local companies.
- Acquiring a Flat Wagon to work for more diverse local companies including Woodhead Springs.

## 1976

- The company is incorporated as Chris Wright (Baildon) Limited.

## 1987

- Tank Garage becomes too small. With the help of an investment company ICFC, the company purchases the business and the premises of Sharp & Griffiths (Transport) Limited at Otley Road, Baildon. This includes 10 new employees and a fleet of flat vehicles.
- Due to this expansion, alternative work is acquired with the customer base growing to include companies such as Metal Box, GEC Motors and Switchgear & Instrumentation.
- The new premises include a large warehouse which becomes an additional attraction for local companies for storage, especially companies such as GEC Motors who stored completed motors for emergency 24/7 deliveries to places all over Great Britain. This included the submarine base at Faslane.

## 1990's

- Continuing expansion sees the purchase of another substantial warehouse facility from Sharp and Griffiths Ltd which adjoined our existing premises at Otley Road, Baildon.
- Movement into other areas of business such as dismantling, skating and transporting of heavy items up to 80 tons.
- Purchase of additional Low Loaders to cope with increased business, for example Ogdens of Otley who dispensed with their own low loaders in favour of giving the work to us.
- Purchase of Plant Trailers, with the help of an EU government grant, as a modern innovation for the movement of road surfacing equipment.
- Continual upgrading of the Baildon Depot including the purchase of additional adjoining land from Wm. Denby and Sons to provide extra parking for the expanding fleet of vehicles and specialist equipment.
- A significant purchase of a Versa Lift Fork Truck with a 28ton capacity, one of only a few in Great Britain at that time, facilitates the storage and movement of large items.
- Continual upgrade of the site includes planting a barrier of trees around the perimeter to provide a screen from our neighbours. There is also the construction of a surface water separation and recycling system for the transport yard.

## 2000

- Purchase of extra land and buildings on Otley Road from CD Roberts Limited to park vehicles and provide extra storage facilities.
- Storage facilities now available for large, heavy and expensive items for a growing customer base.
- As a result of a referral from another customer we were introduced to Centrax Ltd, Devon and we moved into delivering and installing complex Generating plants for them all over Gt Britain and then Europe, which now includes the storage of 40 ton generating sets valued at £1 million at our facilities in Baildon.
- Also 20 ton air conditioning sets for Airedale Aircon at Rawdon, worth up to £300,000.
- Electrical control panels for Safronics Leeds & TCS Gildersome.
- Large industrial ovens and dryers for Spooners of Ilkley
- Yorkshire Water also took advantage of our storage facilities and we provided 24hour emergency cover for them.

- We were able to provide a service for Denso Marston, Shipley to receive large machine from overseas into our warehouse, unpack them and deliver and position in their factory at precise times.
- Continual upgrade of our fleet to Euro 6 engines to protect the environment.
- Purchase of another Versa Lift Fork Truck and a new Warehouse from a Government New Venture Grant

2016 saw the purchase of another Versa Lift Fork Truck to be used in conjunction with a new warehouse facilitated by a Government New Venture Grant. The success of this venture has led to our storage facilities being available to local manufacturing companies enabling them to produce their specialist products and store them in our warehouse's for delivery to sites at specific times and in the case of Airedale Aircon we have co-operated with them to produce a specialist 8 point lifting system peculiar to their products which, due to their construction, protects their structural integrity as they are craned onto the top of large buildings.

Changes in manufacturing practices generally have led to our customers who build large machines in their factories needing to free up their manufacturing space by moving these finished machines offsite to our storage facilities so that they can continue working before we deliver these machines to their customer at the given time.

As a result of our continued expansion, our success has meant we have once again outgrown our current storage capacity prompting our latest venture in the purchase of this land at Dockfield Road, Shipley to capitalize on the specialist storage facility and to provide expansion for the future growth of both companies. Both companies have the same shareholders and therefore work together. With the acquisition of this land we intend using the bottom side (North) for Chris Wright(Baildon) for storage facilities and trailer parking and the top side(South) for Chris Wright Road Planing maintenance facilities and parking.

To date our company employ 40 people with a fleet of over 30 specialist vehicles and trailers, 10 forklift trucks and 2 mobile cranes with an annual turnover of £3.2 million.