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Dear Sir,

Security Fencing consisting of 1.75m high v-mesh fencing along The Slips frontage Home Farm, Great Harrowden, Wellingborough

CC Town Planning Ltd have been appointed to prepare a detailed application by its client Fred Hilsdon, of Harrowden Farms (the Applicant). The application is submitted to North Northamptonshire Council as the determining authority.

This letter is submitted to accompany the above planning application at the site. Specifically, the application proposes to erect a 1.75m high v-mesh fence along The Slips frontage on the front boundary of the property. This scheme is shown on the attached proposed drawings of the site.

As you can see from the image below Home Farm is situated within the open countryside and has no demarcation or physical boundary onto The Slips and as such has been subjected to various break-ins and thefts over the years, most recently in February (22/02/2021: Crime Numbers 21000 104 792 / DP – 7082-21-3434-00). On this occasion 2 vans entered the yard and 4 men broke into several buildings.

Previously, the Applicant has had diesel, plant and parts of machinery stolen. All robberies have been reported to the Police, hence the receipt of Crime Numbers.



Image credit: Google Earth

The Applicant has already implemented various safety measures in order to try and protect Home Farm from being the subject of crime. To date he has security lighting with high power LED lighting, CCTV linked to mobile phones, an alarm on the workshop with siren and mobile phone alert, upgraded high security locks and an employee living on site in the adjacent cottage. Unfortunately, due to the open space that Home Farm is situated in, it is still a crime hot spot.

It is felt that by securing the premises with the v-mesh fence Home Farm can ensure that they have they have taken sufficient security measures in order to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour within the vicinity. Adding the security fencing will meet with the North Northampton Joint Core Strategy Policy 8 iv by;

“Seeking to design out antisocial behaviour and crime and reduce the fear of crime through the creation of safe environments that benefit from natural surveillance, defensible spaces and other security measures having regard to the principles of the Secured by Design; v. Proportionate and appropriate community and fire”

Overall, the works are not contentious given the context and the issuing of permission at the earliest opportunity allows for Home Farm to ensure security of the site.

I trust you have all you need to determine the application however if you require further assistance then please feel free to call me on the numbers above.

Yours sincerely,

