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Development Management
New Forest District Council
Appletree Court
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Dear Sir/Madam

Conversion of glasshouse to storage building involving replacement of glazing with cladding and new roofing materials - Otter Nurseries, Milford Road, Everton, Hordle, SO41 OJD

This application relates to one of the many glasshouses on the former HRI Efford site which was purchased by Otter Nurseries some twenty years ago. The majority of the site is now operating as a garden centre and horticultural nursery using many of the glasshouses covering the site which extends to some 20 hectares.

Across the northern end of the site lying immediately to the south of the main A337 road the land and buildings are used by Ashley Tree Surgeons and Timber Trade, a use which was regularised following their occupation of that part of the Otter Nurseries site in 2015.

This application is submitted on behalf of Ashley Tree Surgeons and relates to a large glasshouse lying alongside the yard. This particular one has not been used by Otter Nurseries and its condition has deteriorated in recent years largely due to storm damage and in particular hailstones which have smashed much of the glass. A photos sheet is enclosed with the application.

Rather than replacing the glazing allowing it to be used as a glasshouse, a use which Otter Nurseries currently has no need for, the intention is to clad the building and create a solid roof so that Ashley Tree Surgeons can make use of the building for storage in connection with the business.

The building lies conveniently adjacent to the yard where there is very limited covered storage and vehicles and equipment have to be left in the open. Smaller machinery is also open to theft from the site.



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Double doors would be created at each end of the building to give easy access.

It is intended that an olive green metal profiled cladding would be used for both the walls and a light grey cladding for the roof. There would be no extension of the floor area of the building and consequently no impact on the Green Belt in terms of loss of openness having regard to the location and the use of the remainder of the Otter Nurseries site.

This proposal provides an opportunity to make use of an existing structure for a local business's needs and fully accords with Policy DM22 of the Local Plan Part 2 - 2014.

Yours faithfully,



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