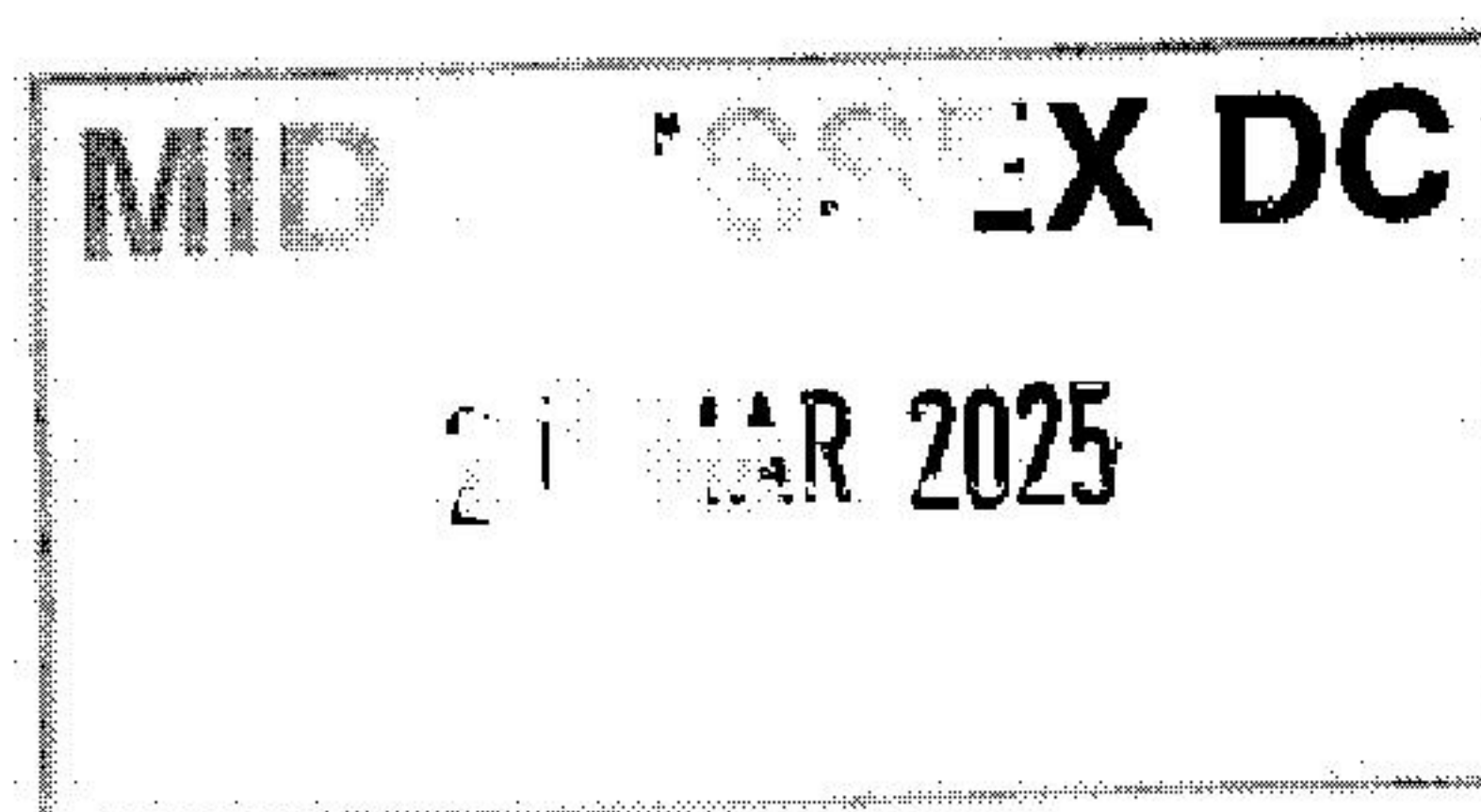


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Re: Planning Application – Objection of stated plans

Proposal – variation of condition 3 of Planning Application DM/24/2120 – to allow for design changes.

Location: **Land N.E. of Amberley Farm – Application no. DM/25/0702**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to a planning application submitted by Mr. Tony Smith, specifically concerning the proposed erection of a Machinery Shed in his paddock, and the revised plans now involving the installation of concrete spurs anchored into the ground. I wish to object to these plans both.

I would like to formally raise the following points for your consideration:

1. Incorrect Statement in Initial Submission

Mr Smith's planning representative, Tim Evans of T J Evans Ltd, initially stated that a building had already been erected on the site. This was not true. I am grateful that Mr Evans has since acknowledged the error, attributing it to a miscommunication, and has confirmed that the Planning Statement has been revised accordingly and resubmitted.

2. Sheltered Nature of the Site

The proposed location for the structure is well-sheltered on the North and West by dense tree coverage and is naturally protected from the prevailing South Westerly

winds. This raises questions about the claimed vulnerability to high winds, especially given that no structure currently exists on the site.

3. Concern Over Future Use and Development

While the current application proposes the use of concrete spurs purely for anchoring purposes, I wish to formally express concern that this groundwork may be used in future to justify an application for a larger or more permanent structure. Given the scale and permanence of concrete footings, this concern is both reasonable and based on precedent elsewhere. I have requested assurances from Mr Smith on this point via his representative but have not yet received a direct or substantive response from Mr Smith himself.

4. Access over Private Land

I also note that access to the paddock is via land of which I am the freeholder. While the legal requirement to serve notice on me has now been met, I would have expected—and would ask to be given in future—earlier and more transparent communication regarding works involving land access and shared interests.

I respectfully ask that these points be taken into full account as part of your consideration of this application. I remain open to further discussion with Mr Smith should he wish to provide the requested legally binding assurances regarding the short, medium and long-term intentions for the site.

Yours sincerely,

