

While we acknowledge that our property is located adjacent to an industrial estate, we consider the siting of the shipping containers to be inappropriate and visually intrusive. The containers are positioned in extremely close proximity to the rear boundary of our property, including the beauty salon operating from the garden room, and have a detrimental impact on residential amenity. In addition, a large blue shipping container appears to be located on a designated fire escape route serving the warehouse, raising further concern.

We have obtained informal advice from a qualified building surveyor, who has advised that the positioning and visual impact of the shipping containers is likely to negatively affect the value of neighbouring residential properties. It was further advised that, at a minimum, a suitably high boundary fence should be installed to obscure the containers from view from properties backing onto the warehouse. We also note that, according to the property deeds, the responsibility for maintaining the rear boundary fence adjoining the warehouse lies with the warehouse owner.

We are aware of a post dated 30 October on the EBISS Facebook page advertising the provision of safe and secure offsite storage and logistics services, including goods classified as 1.4 Dangerous Goods, which can include ammunition, fireworks and flares. However, the supporting documents submitted with this retrospective planning application state that the three shipping containers are used solely for the storage of packaging supplies in order to prevent damage by vermin if stored within the warehouse. Given the size of the warehouse, the timing and content of the Facebook post, and the close proximity of the containers to residential properties, this discrepancy gives rise to significant concern.

It is also noted that the shipping containers are accessed frequently throughout the day, with goods being loaded and unloaded using a forklift, resulting in increased activity close to the residential boundary.

For the reasons set out above, we formally object to the granting of retrospective planning permission.

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