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Planning Application S/3566/17/FL  
Construction of a new grain store and creation of an access from Fowlmere Road by Thriplow Farms Ltd

I have studied the plans in connection with the above planning application and I have enough serious concerns to ask that the application be rejected and that the grain store and other structures be sited somewhere more suitable.

**Visual impact** (also see local authority conservation Policy DP/2 concerning “character of the local area” and Policy NH/8 concerning “appropriate development in the Green Belt). I often drive, but more frequently I cycle almost every day along Fowlmere Road and enjoy the open view of the landscape in this piece of our hard-pressed Green Belt. The proposed structure and access road (from what I can see) has a “footprint” probably greater than the large hangar building at Duxford Air Museum. It will dominate the view and become a focal point just as effectively as if it were a factory, warehouse or a supermarket. It will undoubtedly spoil the open vista no matter what is done with trees or other landscaping. If the proposed new development is smaller than the old grainstore then why not demolish that and rebuild there? Is this not a Thriplow matter which is being moved to Foxton?

A structure of this size will also no doubt be fitted with floodlights which I suspect would be left on all night, all year round for “health and safety reasons” as well as during the busier harvest period. This would be a major source of light pollution. Open and dark night time rural vistas are just as important as daytime views in my opinion - as a relief from modern all pervasive electric lighting.

I’m presuming large road signage will also be implemented? Signs for the approach, signs at the entrance, traffic safety signs as well? More needless ugly visual intrusion in the landscape .

**Traffic impact**  
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**Noise impact**  
A 24/7 and constant 45-60 decibels (from Fowlmere Road) is most unwelcome. A quick Google search reveals - “Most dishwashers range from about 46 to 60 decibels ... this may not sound like much, but in reality, this is loud enough to interrupt a normal conversation”. On a quiet day or night this will surely be audible in Foxton and the “bund” will not do much to prevent this. I have also referred to likely increased traffic noise above.