

## **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

### **Item 6 – 25/01563/FUL - Twitty Grange Twitty Fee, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 4PG**

#### **Question from Mr P**

Thank you for allowing me to speak in favour of this application.

I am the owner of the property and permission was granted previously for its permitted change from agriculture to employment.

The building then secured permission to be used as a members only retail club. This use has now ceased and this application is solely to revert to employment use.

There is no intensification of use in mind at all, indeed the previous retail club was far busier and attracted much more visitors and trips.

This building will revert to rural employment use and provide jobs in the area.

This I am told is fully in line with national and local policy and I welcome the officers recommendation for approval, which in terms of reverting back to its previous use is the only logical conclusion.

The change of use has no impact on the external existing site it merely allows employment use as opposed to retail club on an existing rural commercial site.

The existing character, form and appearance of the site will all remain. There is no change.

In terms of the issue of light, there are no changes proposed and previous concerns with lighting were all dismissed when enforcement investigated. There is no change proposed, planning does not deal with internal lighting and when the business use is closed no lighting will be left on.

The suggested condition 3 for any new lighting to be submitted and agreed is accepted as reasonable, but there should be no need as the retail club operated effectively with the existing lighting which was previously approved and discharged under previous conditions by the Council. At paragraph 6.15 the officer accepts this.

Everything currently on site is all agreed and approved and this is solely about allowing the building to be used by other employment businesses now the retail club has closed. It is in compliance with policy DM10, 13 and 14.

I thank the officers for the positive recommendation and trust you will equally approve the application tonight.

