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Dear Sirs

Application ref: 21/02805/FUL
Land comprising OS Field 0705 Bishopton, Ripon
Erection of outbuilding to provide agricultural storage.

This application is for a free-standing building in the Bishopton Conservation Area.

The Design and Access Statement omits mention of Policy F2 Local Green Space of the made Ripon Neighbourhood Plan which lists the area as Bishopton Fields (G2). We consider that this application fails to accord with the purpose of this policy which is to protect the site 'in a manner consistent with the protection of land within Green Belts'.

We are aware from the Design and Access Statement that the proposal attempts to address and mitigate the impact of the building but we do not agree that this is sufficient nor that it is a positive contribution to the streetscape. The character of Bishopton Fields is in part its uninterrupted openness within the conservation area. On this point we submit that this application should be refused.

We can accept that the form, materials and details of the proposed building are carefully considered in their own terms but this does not outweigh our overall concern.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Hughes

Chairman, Ripon Civic Society