

This is a prospective planning application for a mixed B2 and B8 use. It is without prejudice to the long standing lawful use of the land.

I am advised by the planning authority that I should apply for B2 and B8 permission.

Current uses include:-

The Bagging Part.

We have a small bagging plant, low noise, with electric motors. This transfers the loose sands/aggregates into bagged form. We load the hopper with a telehandler, from the bay where the loose materials are tipped by wagon. A forklift truck then takes the bags and stacks them on the relevant heap at the back of the yard ready for collection at a later date.

Currently and historically, there have been no time restrictions on the uses.

Bagging operations are never before 8.30am and run no later than 17.30pm and we only work in that yard a rough average of 6-8 hours per week. In winter, we may not even work at all some weeks. This is a similar process to how Ashburners, and others started their coal businesses from the site when the gas board sold off the coal, they bagged it from bulk, into smaller bags, and delivered it around the local area.

The Haulage.

We currently have 3 articulated wagons that we keep in this yard. This is the same as the previous usage by CG Ashburners, and then also Armstrong Wigan Group. Both hauliers that operated many wagons from this site, the site next to us, and also the garages were situated at the front of our yard for maintaining the vehicles. The ancillary offices, welfare and storage facilities/repair shop for their operations are still in our yard. The wagons leave on a Monday morning between 04.00am and 06.00am. They are usually out all week, sometimes the odd one may pop back into the yard, if he is nearby to

get a night at home or if something needs a minor running repair. But where possible we keep the trucks out of town until they return on a Friday. The return time can vary too for lots of reasons, from traffic holdups, Road closures, Mill breakdowns, and so on. This can be from 15.30pm – 19.00pm sometimes but very rarely can run into a Saturday morning if the driver runs out of hours. We take great pride in working with local businesses. We haul stone from Millom Quarry to where it is needed, and return to Cumbria with cattle feed to various farms.