

P/2023/0255: Penley Mill

Many thanks for your email. I have put together a brief outline of who OCCAR is and history of our building which I hope will help determine the outcome of the septic/cesspit proposal. I would really prefer not to be forced into the chemical toilet boxes, please.

Oswestry Classic Car

OCCAR LTD trading as Oswestry Classic Car is a restoration company of classic and vintage cars. With projects from the 1920's through to "modern" 1990's. We use traditional crafts within modern working practises and environmentally friendly products. We don't throw away and replace we take apart and fix, the best form of sustainability.

Moving into our owned premises will provide a secure future and allow us to open an indoor show room. The show room will be used to highlight our work, allow a safe environment separate from the workshop for members of the public who drop by to see the vehicles we are working on, and be used as a sale room.

A staff count of 5 we are a small but busy restoration business with customers booking vehicles in for full restoration some 12 months in advance.

Some of our work can be seen on our website www.occar.co.uk or a visit to our current rented workshop in Oswestry. As a local business we are keen to be seen in the local community and have initiated the Ellesmere Classic Car Show, which raises money for charity each year and we support Circuss-starr.org.uk giving special children a little happiness.

History of Penley Mill

This information has been compiled from local people and to the best of their knowledge, one gentleman who lives just down the lane is well into his 80's, is correct.

George Whitfield owned the area called Penley Mill, now having been separated and sold into several properties and parcels of land. George Whitfield was a general farm contractor and had contracts which included Wrexham council. The building which I refer to was used by his company as a meal and coal packing business with at least 14/15 workmen being employed on the site.

In the 50's to 00's the building was used for many purposes such as a car workshop, Scott's Furnishings, MFD Capacitors plus an extension was erected to house a piggery on the far side. Several staff worked from the property throughout this period.

MFD Capacitors who have a small factory adjacent to the property bought the property in the 00's to use as a workshop and storage after renting the property for some 25years previously. MFD Capacitors have a staff count of 13.

Any further information required please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Previous emails stated that the septic tank used by the building is now on the adjoining plot which unfortunately I do not own, the septic tank was filled in by this owner. To make the building usable we need to reinstate a unit on land owned with the building. I would have thought that Resources Wales would look upon this favourable given a modern septic is far more eco friendly than old tanks.

I noticed that Wrexham Football Club now have the go ahead to build the new stand as this will be used by local people so no added phosphates, this would be the case with our application and actual reduce the phosphates as only 5 employees would work on the site rather than the 15 or so previously.

I do hope we are nearer a sensible resolution and I can look forward to restoring beautiful classic and vintage cars in Penley.

Simon Darlington

Director

Oswestry Classic Car

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