

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/L1765/C/19/3230601

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By	MR D SAUNDERS
Site Address	Land known as Southwick Ranch to the north of Southwick Road North Boarhunt FAREHAM PO17 6JS

SENDER DETAILS

Name	MRS LUCILLE BUTLER
Address	The pebbles Southwick Road North Boarhunt Hampshire PO17 6JF

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

The infrastructure of the site is not sophisticated enough to accommodate a large family. Firstly, the site floods each winter. The rudimentary drainage system which was installed by land owners in the immediate surrounding area has been disturbed by the movements of the appellant. The appellant has installed tonnes of hardcore materials which has upset the said drainage system. Each winter the imported materials will wash away down the access track for The Pebbles and therefore require yearly deposits of said hardcore materials which will continue to erode with each winter. Therefore the geographical lay of the land will change drastically each year causing deposits of the hardcore materials in to the surrounding land. This will exacerbate the flooding causing more problems for all those that access their properties using this track.

The access to the site is too narrow, restricted and hampered by low hanging tree splay for fire services to safely and efficiently attend to a caravan fire on this site. This will endanger the safety of the family on the site as well place other properties close by at risk too. The other properties in the area have secondary access via Firgrove Lane for fire services to attend, but Southwick Ranch does not have this fail safe. Lastly, the sewerage is unprepared for a family of 6 and is crude.

The site is not in keeping with the agricultural nature of the surrounding land. Mr Saunders has continually changed the aesthetics of the land so that it is more in keeping with a holiday park and barely resembles the piece of country side it once was. It is an eye sore as evidenced by the installation of a bright white fence the length of the land and large grotesque water feature with stone statues more akin to a church yard. The site has numerous plots of static homes, camper vans, caravans, sheds and gazebos on it. The recently laid block paving and shingle topping on the drive way also place it out of kilter with the rural location. It spoils the countryside.

On that note, the noise pollution coming from this site is totally out of kilter with the quiet, respectable, rural location that this area once was. Family brawls, police attended neighborhood spats and loud music are most expected in densely populated, conventional, residential areas; not this quiet piece of countryside. This type of behavior is not welcome here.

It is my understanding that Mr. Saunders primary reason for needing to live on his land is because he has a horse on the land. In order to safeguard the horse and keep it in the manner which would ensure the safety of the horse, the family need to move off the site or move the horse off the site. Either way, it nullifies his argument that he needs to live on the land because of the horse. The way in which the horse is kept, contravenes much of the guidance in the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs code of practice for the welfare of Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and their hybrids. The family on the site and the horse share living space. There are multiple hazards in the field for the horse because it is free to roam among the multiple sheds, caravans, camper vans and so on. At least half of the field is hard standing which is not suitable for a horse. The grazing is not appropriate because Mr. Saunders regularly cuts the grass which is dangerous for horses to eat. The horse can not even access its own stable which is fenced off and if it could, it can not see over the top of the door which is totally inappropriate according to the aforementioned code of practice. Lastly, an animal enclosed must be able to express its natural behaviors. If the horse was required to express its natural behaviors of 'flee', it would most likely run into one of the multiple hazards in its living space which could be fatal to both human and horse.

North Boarhunt is over run with the traveling community as evidenced by the well established and illegal settlements along Firgrove Lane which have already caused no end of problem to the local council. North Boarhunt has filled its quota of travelers. It would be senseless to condone the settlement of another problematic traveling Community so close to the Firgrove Lane sites.

The most objectionable part of this site, is the family itself. Both adults, have proven to be obnoxious, inconsiderate and untrustworthy as evidenced by a plethora of incidents. Firstly, they approached the land owner of The Pebbles, requesting electricity to install 'only a light in the stable'. This was a falsehood because they have later gone on to install electricity where possible to serve a family of 6 for full domesticity and not just for a mere light in the stable. They approached the land owner of Strawberry Field for access to water 'only for their horse to drink' but have later gone on to attempt to supply their large family for full domesticity. They made attempts to coercively ensure the land owners would allow access to private electricity by

installing nuisance noisy generators in the hope that surrounding land owners would acquiesce to the request of sharing electricity in preference to tolerating the nuisance generators.

There is no neighborly acknowledgment from these adults, not so much as eye contact at close range or a hand up to thank for giving way. They have attempted to intimidate the local land owners and exhibited violence and aggression in so doing. They are a safeguarding concern to anyone that might cross their paths and I make sure to keep my own children away from them. They are not country folk and don't behave with any respect for the land or those that live among it.

Lastly, at no point have this family ever given any respect to the afforded planning processes of this country as evidenced by their steady and consistent development of their piece of land, whilst living on it illegally. They live on that land as if they have full entitlement to do so and are constantly evolving and changing the site to accommodate their own needs in a way that suggests they do not care for the outcome of their appeal. They have made frequent, permanent and structural changes to the land that suggest they will stay there come hell or high water with or without the relevant permissions.