

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	MR KEITH BUTLER
Address	The Pebbles Southwick Road North Boarhunt FAREHAM 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 appellants site is approximately 400 metres from the main road along a single-track lane with no passing places, other than to drive onto other people's property. As we can also access our property via Firgrove Lane we, and our neighbours at Nene Valley, don't have large delivery vehicles using this track as it is unsuitable for heavy or wide vehicles. It is surrounded by agricultural land which, at present, is being cut for hay, but is being prepared for cattle. There is no tree screening and when our hedges and trees lose their foliage in the autumn, no privacy for us. The visual impact of the site is out of keeping in a rural setting.

The site sits in a slight hollow and is a natural collection point for surface water draining from surrounding fields. Approximately 200 tons of various hardcore material has been moved onto the site and in turn has compromised the simple but effective drainage system that I put in several years ago with the agreement of my neighbour at Nene Valley. At times of heavy rainfall surrounding properties are adversely affected.

Before the appellant bought the land, he was made aware that he wouldn't get mains electricity or water onto the site. He made it clear that he only wanted water for his horse, and that could be brought in, although our neighbour was kind enough to allow him water from his bore-hole. The electricity, I was told, was only needed for a light in his shed.

Since the family have moved onto the site there have been many times when the noise levels get too much, especially in the evenings and weekends when we aren't working and want to enjoy the peace and quiet of our surroundings.

During a particularly noisy period we had occasion to involve Environmental Health. After several requests for the appellant to do something about it we were informed that "Mr Saunders is not prepared to take any further action, I am therefore unable to progress with this any further", leaving us to "put up with it" I think this attitude is quite telling, as we often hear, "it's my land and I'll do what I like".

When the police visited me after a noise incident between the appellant and his neighbour, they said that, although it is quite common to be called out to incidents like the one they were investigating in town, it is very rare to be called out to noise issues in a place like ours.

At a Parish Council meeting in March 2019 a representative from Winchester planning stated that, because of the size of our village, there would be a maximum of 4 Gypsy and traveller pitches and 8 travelling showperson pitches. We have a travelling showperson site in Firgrove Lane, now traveller owned, which has been there since 1965, and has approximately 20 caravans. Adjacent to that is The Piggeries, also in Firgrove Lane, with approximately 30 caravans. These sites have ongoing planning issues and have had for several years. Both sites on Firgrove Lane are within 250 yds from the appellants site. As our property is accessed via Firgrove Lane as well as the narrow track running past the appellants, we, and our neighbours at Nene Valley, are flanked by both sites.

My family and I have respect and consideration for our established neighbours, each of us doing the other a good turn when needed. We would appreciate that ANYone who may come to live amongst us would have the same respect and consideration, not only of their neighbours, but of their surroundings. We live in a beautiful and quiet part of rural England and we would like to keep it that way.