



**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – STOP NOTICE -  
LAND AT LOWER PADDOCK, BENT LANE, HAMBLEDON,  
HAMPSHIRE, PO7 4QP**

**STATEMENT MADE UNDER SECTION 184 (3) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY  
PLANNING ACT 1990 GIVING REASONS WHY THE STOP NOTICE SHOULD  
TAKE EFFECT BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THREE DAYS FOLLOWING SERVICE  
OF THE STOP NOTICE**

A Temporary Stop Notice was served on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and this will expire on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

A planning application was submitted on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 for “Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for two gypsy/traveller families, each with two caravans including no more than one static caravan/mobile home, together with laying of hardstanding, construction of new access and erection of two ancillary amenity buildings” (ref 20/00739/FUL).

The consultation responses have now been received and it is clear that the planning application will be refused. This did not become clear until yesterday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020. I did not consider that an Enforcement Notice and Stop Notice should be issued earlier as the likely outcome of the planning application was not known until the application could be assessed in the light of the consultation responses.

If the Stop Notice does not take effect before the Temporary Stop Notice expires, I consider that there is a high risk that the engineering works that have already commenced will continue and caravans would be brought onto the site and be used for residential purposes. This is made more likely by the fact that Friday 8 May is a Bank Holiday. Since the Temporary Stop Notice was served I believe that further ground works have been undertaken, which shows a clear intention of the land owner to complete the engineering works and occupy the site. Failure to ensure continuity between the Temporary Stop Notice and the Stop Notice could result in occupation of the site.

The use of the site as a caravan site for gypsies and travellers would cause significant harm and would conflict with the council’s planning policy for the siting of such sites. The assessment of the planning application has highlighted conflict with a

number of adopted planning policies, including highway safety issues, and harm to the landscape and to ecology.

**Dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020**



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