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## The Planning Inspectorate

### COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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**Appeal Reference: APP/L1765/C/20/3254261**

#### DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By

MR THOMAS MALONEY

Site Address

Lower Paddock  
Bent Lane  
Hambledon  
Hampshire  
PO7 4QP

#### SENDER DETAILS

Name

MRS LESLEY CRAWFORD

Address

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Hambledon  
WATERLOOVILLE  
PO7 4QP

#### 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

I strongly object to this appeal and reiterate.

Bent Lane is a single track lane. The only passing places are peoples driveway entrances. It is a quiet leafy country lane used by horse riders, cyclists, walkers and tractors occasionally going about their agricultural business.

Having purchased the land, the applicants consider it is their right to do what they like with it regardless of regulation. They hold nature, the natural habitat and the settled community in contempt by creating a harmful, noisy and light polluted environment. (The site near the 'Chairmakers' 3/4 mile away proves all of this. Human effluent is a problem there, contaminating the surrounding land and watercourse).

They came into Lower Paddock , bulldozed the area taking two feet of soil off what is now well over half an acre of hardstanding and filling in a natural pond supplied by a spring. They also ripped out part of an ancient hedgerow, in nesting time, to make an entrance 14 metres wide to a previously land-locked piece of land which deterred law-abiding people from purchasing it. This area is now very open from the lane with little screening and will now be worse in winter.

This particular low-lying piece of land is regularly waterlogged in winter with water which feeds the lake at Rudley Mill. It is not suitable for an encampment.

The planning application had several flaws. It is near a watercourse, the site is very visible from the lane and the work has already started. The plans showed a wide grass margin between them and the neighbouring homestead which has not been kept. The hardcore goes right up to the neighbouring fence. It also showed screening by proposed hedging. This is no longer possible owing to the hardstanding prepared, which is half as much again as shown on the plan. The only seclusion would probably come from ugly close boarded fencing, totally out of keeping with this part of the countryside.

Their cavalier attitude and total disregard for the Authorities on this and other nearby sites is gradually leading to the decimation of our precious countryside and wildlife habitats.

There have been breaches in the law and in the planning process.

Hedge removal during the nesting season is a crime – under s.1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Hedgerow removal is also an offence under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997, which is the responsibility of the Council.

When building or other works or a material change of use of land or a building takes place without planning consent.

The perpetrators should be held accountable to make reparation of the site and not receive reward for their actions by allowing them to settle here.

This local settled community is literally being surrounded and already outnumbered, placing an onerous burden on it. Surely this area has already contributed sufficiently to Winchester's allocation of gypsy sites. Please uphold the refusal of this application. Planning should not be a two-tiered system for this fraternity.