

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/L1765/C/21/3286358

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By: MR NICHOLAS BUTLER

Site Address: Land to the north of Dradfield Lane
Soberton
Hampshire
SO32 3QD

SENDER DETAILS

Name: MS PHILOMENA BERGIN

Address: The Arc Armsworth Lane
Soberton
SOUTHAMPTON
SO32 3RE

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 Arc, Armsworth Lane, Soberton SO32 3RE

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As a Soberton resident and a member of the Soberton and Newtown Conservation Group I wish to strongly oppose Mr Butler's argument against enforcement action.

He claims that the hardstanding in question could have a use other than for residential use and should therefore be allowed. The fact is that he is obviously using the hardstanding for a trailer in which he is living, as can be evidenced by the lights and smoke clearly visible to neighbouring properties and anyone strolling along the country lanes adjoining the site.

He claims he has permitted development rights for the hardstanding, but he appears to be confusing this with another area of hardstanding for a non-residential trailer unit and shipping container which he successfully argued, in a previous appeal, were in agricultural use so did not constitute a material change of use.

Mr Butler has made it clear in numerous conversations with local residents that he is intent on establishing a trailer park on the site. His ventures with animal husbandry appear to be mere window-dressing to attempt to establish a spurious claim to requiring on-site accommodation for agricultural reasons.

Since occupying the site in May 2020, Mr Butler has turned what was a pleasant, albeit damp, grazing field into an untidy array of hardstandings, assorted trailers, hardcore tracks etc – with a few pigs/sheep dotted around but no serious attempt at proper farming. He has made no secret of his ambitions to create a trailer park and of his intention to continue flouting planning regulations until he wears the planning authorities down.

I believe the enforcement against his illegal residential use of the site should go ahead and that the residential trailer, its associated hardstanding and drainage arrangements should be removed at the earliest opportunity. His plans for the site are clearly at odds with the rural nature of its surroundings and are a threat to the biodiversity of its surroundings.