

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

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Company/Group/Organisation Name: Mr & Mrs Kenny

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

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We are writing to give our support for the council's enforcement notice against the breach of planning on land north of Dradfield Lane. As direct neighbours of his to the north of his land it greatly affects us.

The very large converted lorry trailer was brought in without any planning permission being sought. It does not fit in with the countryside so close to the South Downs Park, indeed it is visible from it. The land is the first you see when leaving the Park by the footpath at the Eastern end of Dradfield Lane and is an eyesore. Being such a large double-decked trailer it is greater than the dimensions permitted for a caravan/mobile home. What is it in planning law, a building on wheels? If allowed it would create a precedent for many others, including caravan parks.

Most importantly there is no need for a residential unit on this land, the owner managed the stock before quite well when his trailer was sited in Emsworth on a lorry park. The stock are of insufficient number and type to require 24 hour care.

He is making continual additions to hardstanding for the trailer and car parking; together with the hardstanding already laid plus a roadway and paths, it is causing more surface flooding which runs off onto the adjacent roads and over runs the nearby ditches. Indeed the area of hardstanding in total may exceed the maximum allowable as permitted development. He has also erected a large polytunnel for which he has requested planning but not yet received a decision. This polytunnel also contributes to surface water flooding.

The livestock (pigs & sheep) are kept in small very wet muddy enclosures; the pollution from these overrun into the ditches and cause pollution in this designated nitrate vulnerable zone. Now possible human effluent will join it – no soakaways can alleviate this when the land floods and the water table is effectively at ground level.

The owner of this site has a history of blatantly doing what he wants without permission: putting in oversize gateway and diverting the roadside ditch under the large concrete apron, cutting down hedgerows during nesting season, bringing in a container and lorry trailer, creating large area of hardstanding. All of these instances are available on the WCC planning site.

He has now brought in large lighting stands which light up the whole field and neighbourhood like a football stadium. This no doubt affects the "Dark Skies" that the South Downs Park wants to achieve.

His response to the council's enforcement is without substance. A breach of planning has definitely occurred and the trailer is able to be moved quite quickly (as shown when it arrived) and there are places it can go, such as the site it came from.

Regards

David & Mary Kenny
Adam's Farm House
Soberton.