

4 Parklands
Wangfield Lane
Curdridge
Hants
SO322DA
28th February 2023

Appeal Reference: APP/L1765/C/22/3313363

Greenclose, Wangfield lane, Curdridge, Southampton, Hants SO322DA

To whom it may concern

1. In 2016 when we commented on the storage of electrical goods and other items at the barn there were a large number of Lorries coming and going and the metal gate erected was clanged loudly. We sent photos which showed one of these lorries. The track across the field was built up with tarmac to facilitate the movement of these lorries and also the caravans. It was previously a dirt track as can be seen in the photo from the sales catalogue of 2001 from I Judd.
2. The manege (40 x 20 metre) given permission in 2006 was never implemented but later with the new owner the area was consolidated and we believe, extended, with enormous amounts of hardcore and top dressing which although we were told at the time would be for tractors and farm machinery turned out to be for caravans and campervans.
3. It is true in recent years there have been fewer vehicles for the storage but some of that time was during the covid lockdown. Not quite true to say one visit per day as there was a very large lorry here during the last few weeks – but generally yes, fewer visits by Aardvark. However, caravan owners also come to check and maintain their motorhomes and take them for holidays. Alarms go off from time to time. I enclose another photo taken in 2019 which shows a large number of them
4. The number of caravans did not diminish until very recently and there had been another break- in when another caravan was stolen. The fact that they were there puts all our properties at greater risk as access by the perpetrators was gained via the field gate from Wangfield Lane above numbers 1&2 Parklands along the field bordering numbers 2& 4 parklands.

Unnecessary intrusion into the countryside, detrimental to the rural character

5. It is not appropriate for this kind of storage to be in a rural area. The rural aspect is already challenged by other encroaching developments in the area which has increased traffic considerably in the lane and I believe it is important to keep activities related to suitable rural occupations. I would argue that storing electrical items in a barn is not the best venue for them either. The village design statement states “A defining feature of the village character is its abundance of trees, hedgerows and open spaces. The preservation of this valued characteristic is a high priority.”
6. I do not object per se to grazing horses but for further equestrian use the village does lack bridleways and the lane is dangerous.

Mr and Mrs Greeves

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April
2016



December 2019

Photos can be sent separately if required

