

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/L1765/C/23/3334938

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference	APP/L1765/C/23/3334938
Appeal By	MR C BLYTH
Site Address	Springbridge Farm, Highbridge Road Highbridge EASTLEIGH Hampshire SO50 6HN

SENDER DETAILS

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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 land in question is located adjacent to the River Itchen SSSI and SAC with sensitive habitats located not only immediately adjacent to the land but also down stream. The land is located within the impact risk zone for the SSSI and also within a nutrient neutrality zone. Impacts of increased nutrient levels have a cumulative impact on protected sites within the whole Itchen catchment. Planning permission for a dwelling, campsite, mixed farming activities, increased rubbish and debris associated with the mixed use of the land should only be granted following the undertaking of a Ecological Impact Assessment and potentially an Appropriate Assessment undertaking by the competent authority. The very fact that these activities are already occurring on the land and have been done so for a number of years is not acceptable without any mitigation or compensation in place. The impacts are happening day in day out. During the summer and when the camp site is full we have observed camping toilets being discharged into the river by guests on the land, a steep increase in recreational pressure on the river with people swimming and paddling, increased rubbish and waste in the water course and along the banks, a smell along Highbridge road associated with the illegal cesspit etc. The rubbish and debris on the land is an eyesore, the increased in hardstanding and works on the land have affected the ecological quality of the land and also has a massive impact on the overall landscape character. As the landowner owns the stretch of public footpath along the river bank illegal works have taken place to the bank to create steps for campers to access the river. These works severely damaged gravel beds that are used by spawning salmon. The path has been dug up numerous times to install pipework between the land and the river and we are unsure whether this is to draw water from the river or to discharge waste water into the river, we believe that this has been investigated and action has been taken by the Environment Agency in the past. The chickens housed closer to the road have at times been incredibly smelly with waste oozing out of the sheds into the ditch and we have been concerned about increased waste discharging into the river from this. On a number of occasions livestock have escaped onto the road and present a serious risk to public safety, Highbridge Road is a fast road and usually the livestock are positioned by the bend.

We support the enforcement notice and hope that something can be done to stop the illegal activities being undertaken that are spoiling the environment and character of the area for everyone else.