

ONLINE COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATION 23/11288

Location DRUCES ACRES, SALISBURY ROAD,
ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY BH24 3PP

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Objection received from Mrs Fiona Taylor
Clarice Cottage
Ibsley Drove
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Comment: I strongly object to this application.
This land has always been grazing land - not for residential use.
The owner purchased the land with full disclosure of the permitted uses and the already decided planning applications are public records easily accessible during the searches made when purchasing.
The previous owner applied for an agricultural caravan on similar animal welfare grounds and following a thorough review with input from many stakeholders it was refused. Those assessments should still be valid and considered in this particular case as the premise is the same. In particular the access to the A338 and proximity to the bends. I believe there has already been a recent accident in just this stretch.

Furthermore Mr Moore has been living on the land consistently since he purchased the property with a Shepherds hut arriving in December 2022. His occupancy and timeline suggests that his intention has always been to live on the land regardless of his subsequent security concerns.

Ibsley Drove residences have been subject to several break ins over the past few years and I have concluded that occupancy of a property or potentially this land does not seem to deter the thieves from taking what they want.

Mr Moore's previous application for retrospective permission for the L shaped barn was discussed at a Parish Council meeting when myself and a number of individuals flagged concerns that permission granted would lead to the request for an agricultural caravan - which is now the case.

The L shaped building was built with temporary retrospective permission originally and should have been removed when the previous owner left the land. The final building was a different specification to those of temporary buildings with a brick base and solid floor. Following the refusal to permit the previous mobile home by NFDC and the requirement to remove other buildings hence restoring the land to its grazing status, the removal order was never enforced.

With regards to the current use of the land, I do not feel that sheepdog breeding and training constitutes either an agricultural activity or the need for the owner to be onsite. Dogs can be taken home and secure kennel provision made in a garden / garage. Mr Moore has a suitable vehicle to transport them from an off site location to the onsite kennels at Druce Acres on a daily basis.

It should be noted that despite the owner being on site every day, the noise from the

dogs is intrusive with constant barking in the morning and intermittently throughout the day / evening. I understand that dog breeding is now a licensed activity but as yet I have not found any documentation of a valid License from Hampshire County Council.

The bigger issue here, apart from a clear disregard for land usage and the planning process, is that permission given for this application sets a precedence for other smaller plots of land adjacent to Druce Acres and beyond - this will see more applications for agricultural caravans ultimately leading to a change of use of land and of the environment.

I am supportive of endeavours to encourage local agricultural activities, however these activities should benefit the local community for example creating jobs, and they should not lead to a significant change to the landscape.

For those living in close proximity to new activities such as those at Druce Acres as we do, then consideration should be given to their impact on the local residents. In this case the pitch of barking dogs encroaches on our ability to enjoy being in the garden and indeed our dogs to enjoy their gardens in a relaxed manner. Light pollution is also a concern and this would likely increase with land occupancy. Whilst I appreciate the visual improvement in Druce Acres this does not make this application any more acceptable.

The multiple applications made for change of use of this land is a significant stressor for local residents and I ask NFDC to strongly consider this when making their final decision and to uphold their previous decision.

This land is not suitable for the proposed activities and therefore the siting of another mobile home. It is most suited to grazing livestock that need only visiting on a daily basis to meet their welfare needs - sheep on exposed fells manage with daily visits!