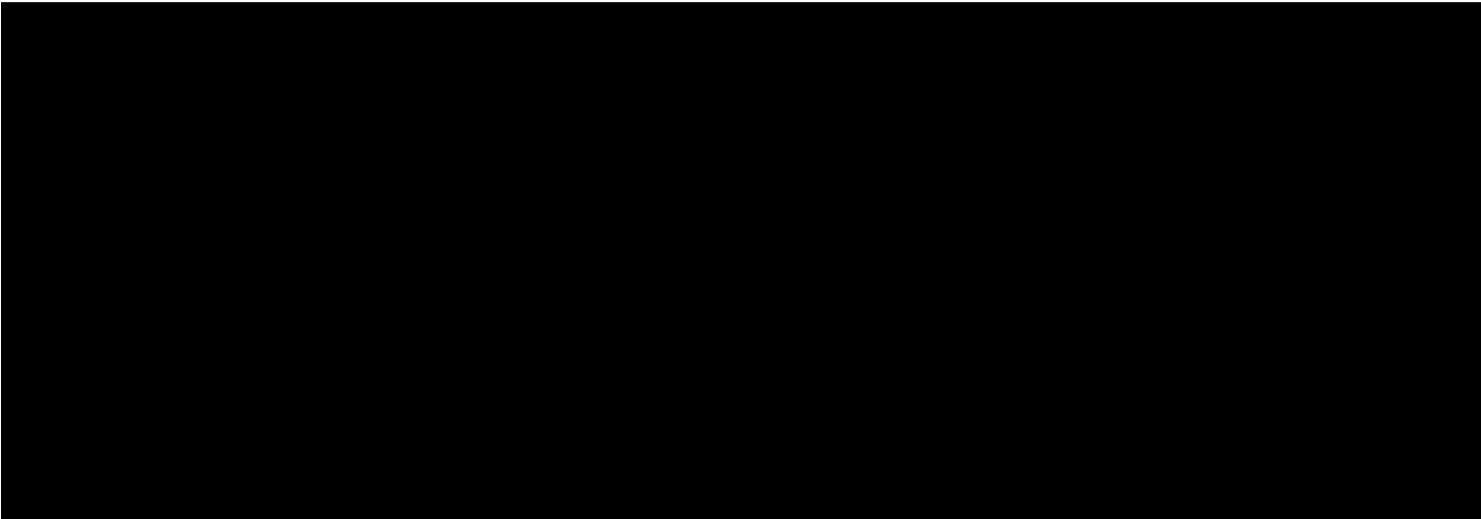



From: Karen Lewer [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2017 20:18
To: Simon Davis
Subject: Attached objection

Dear Mr Davis,

I am very disappointed that you did not notify us of the discharge of conditions - especially in relation to the lighting which you did advise me you would keep us updated on.

I am even more disappointed at your comments with regard to 'taking a view' on floodlighting which was to be avoided in the planning permission. You do not live locally and have no idea of the impact of the lights already installed - with no permission - on our lives. You are destroying the peace we hoped to enjoy when we moved to Marsh Lane and seem to continually favour what the applicant is asking for over the effect on local home owners. Please remember, as stated in the report, this land is in designated countryside and the applicant was aware of this and should have considered their lighting needs prior to developing this land.

Whilst I understand the covenants on this land are not connected to planning permission I would have hoped you would have taken these into account, we do intend to seek the enforcement of these covenants.

The lighting issue and the possibility of you granting permission for the proposal is causing us great distress and upset and it seems we are quite powerless to have much influence on this matter it all seems to be that what the applicant wants the applicant gets!

We are a hard working couple who have aspired to purchase our current property and felt safe in the knowledge that this rural location was covered by restrictive covenants so are devastated at the actions of the travelling group who have blatantly disregarded the covenants and, we feel, have been helped by the Council who we would have thought would be the first people to try to protect our diminishing countryside.

Please consider us before granting any lighting permission and please keep this to what was previously agreed ie 1m high fence lighting. You absolutely can not consider granting planning for floodlights in the middle of a countryside location.

Regards

Karen Lewer & Paul Mullen

Condition 6: landscaping:

The plan available to view shows very little landscaping and does not include the additional landscaping we have requested along the border to the site that we view from our home. We have requested mature plants to ensure we no longer have to view this site from our home and garden.

Condition 10: lighting:

In the Officers Report under Character and Appearance the last paragraph reads as follows:

‘In addition to requiring landscaping, a condition would be imposed to ensure that lighting on the site reflects that on the adjacent site by avoiding the use of floodlights, avoiding night time glare and using timers to restrict lighting during night times.’

It also states in Condition 10 that ‘no development shall take place until there has been submitted to, and approved by, the Local Planning Authority, a scheme that details the position, height, design and intensity of all proposed lighting within the site.’ This condition has been completely ignored and development as well as lighting has been carried out prior to any lighting scheme having been submitted.

We also take great exception to Simon Davis’s reply to the application stating ‘we will need to take a view on the proposed use of floodlighting’ giving an indication that floodlighting may be approved even though it was clearly stated in the report that floodlighting should be avoided.

We absolutely object to any floodlights, the field of light is not the issue, we are able to see these lights when they are on due to the height and will not entertain the idea of any floodlights being erected and have previously requested that the floodlights that have already been erected – with no permission – are removed. There are no other lights in this area, no street lights, and as detailed in the Officers Report this land is within designated countryside. If the applicant wanted a commercial yard to work on vehicles they should have found land in a more suitable location – the planning permission only allows for vehicles to be worked on Monday to Saturday 09.00 to 16.00 and lighting should therefore not be required. The applicant knew this was a dark location when they decided to develop the land and disregard the covenants in place on the land. We object to any yard lighting.

Furthermore, we are confused by the documents submitted as the proposal for yard lights shows these as being located where the additional plots are supposed to be and this would seem to confirm our opinion that the new plots are not located as shown on the plans submitted.

To use the emergency services reason for needing lighting is complete nonsense, all emergency services are well able to attend to properties in rural areas and, again, if this was a concern the applicant should have considered a more accessible plot.

As each plot will have a 4’ high fence to the front with a light on a post at the entrance to the plot there is no need for further lighting under the eaves of each home which will be too high and visible from our home. We request each plot has a maximum of one light at the entrance to the plot and that this light is in keeping with the original permission which allows a fence light at a maximum height of 1m. We also request this light is low wattage to minimise visibility and that all lights are turned off between the hours of 11pm and 7am.

Please do not take this objection to mean we accept what has been done to this land, this entire development is not permitted under the covenants placed upon the land and we will be seeking to enforce the covenants.