

Simon Davis

From:  consultant jredwood
Sent: 27 August 2014 11:43
To: Simon Davis; Nicki Faulkner
Subject: RE: Planning Ref AL/47/14/PL 4 new permanent plots for travelling showpeople at Aldingbourne Farm Shop, Nyton Road, Aldingbourne

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Simon – in my view this is an excellent site, and should be approved. There is no suggestion of 'rationing' provision to reserve supply for future years – that doesn't make sense with such small numbers. I would just caution how you refer to the site being identified in the Accommodation assessment. While this site is identified as a potential site, and while in this case, it's an acceptable site, the inclusion of sites in the assessment doesn't necessarily indicate acceptance by the LPA – there are suggested sites (particularly Nova Paddocks) which we don't support.

Hope this is helpful.

Jim

Jim Redwood
Planning policy adviser

From: Simon Davis
Sent: 21 August 2014 17:04
To: Nicki Faulkner
Cc: consultant jredwood
Subject: Planning Ref AL/47/14/PL 4 new permanent plots for travelling showpeople at Aldingbourne Farm Shop, Nyton Road, Aldingbourne

Hi Nicki,

Simon M suggested I email you about this.

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Happy to discuss in person.

Kind Regards

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Simon Davis

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 August 2014 12:14
To: Simon Davis
Subject: RE: AL/47/14 Aldingbourne Farm Shop

Dear Simon,

Thank you for the update. I have noted your comments. With regard to the need for additional plots/pitches, Paragraph 15 of 'Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment: Executive Summary' states that *"these figures should be seen as the minimum amount of provision which is necessary to meet the statutory obligations towards identifiable needs of the population."* I hope you will take this into consideration in determination of this application.

I look forward to hearing from you next Wednesday. In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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From: Simon Davis [<mailto:Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>]
Sent: 22 August 2014 11:40
To: 'Iftikhar Maniar'
Subject: AL/47/14 Aldingbourne Farm Shop

Dear Ifti,

I have sought a second opinion from our Policy team about this application. Given that the previous stated demand was 7 pitches and that the adjacent PP has removed 3 from that number, your proposal, if approved, would meet the entire demand for the period 2012 to 2027. I am just checking with Policy that it is acceptable for us to satisfy this future demand. This being the case (and noting that the officer I need to speak to is not back until mid-next week) I am unable to issue any decision this week.

*7-3 = 4 Bq + 1 (CUNNANE TOWN PLANNING LLP)
15-4 = 11 (PT)
7-3 = 4 - 4 = 0*

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