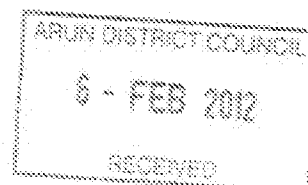




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1st February 2012

Dear Mrs Leeson

Re: BE/151/11 Shripney Caravan Park

As clerk, and on behalf of the Planning Committee, I would like to inform you that the council does not have an objection to the above planning application modification. Members visited the caravan park on Monday 30th January. The caravans nearest to the residents will now be moved further away, partial landscaping has taken place and the gate moved in order to accommodate vehicles off the access road. Members agreed that these measures would mitigate the position of the caravans in relation to the existing residents

However, at the Planning Meeting last night we received 5 objections from local residents and several residents attended the meeting to express concerns. Their main apprehensions were:

- Privacy. Mrs Jolley, the resident most directly affected, does not think the landscaping will be a good enough barrier. The landscaping is very immature at the moment and quite sparse, it is hoped that more dense, native flora could be added to screen and shelter.



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- the new entrance should be for caravans only. In order to minimise engine noise and pollution all other vehicular access should be from the other entrance further away from the existing housing.

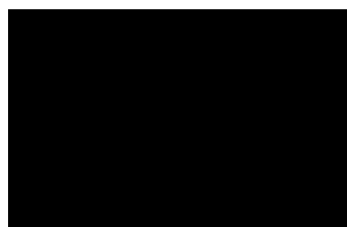
As you can see these suggestions are not unreasonable. There is considerable disharmony with the site owner and local residents because of this application. The residents feel let down and ignored. The residents and the caravan site owner live in close proximity to one another sharing the small access road. Mutual respect and cooperation is vital. Consideration should be taken to ensure that the least disruption is caused to the existing residents.

When planning applications become acrimonious like this surely bringing the applicant and the objectors together may bring about amicable solutions? The residents still feel the position of the caravans is unreasonably close to the existing housing and the conservation area, and that the access road is of insufficient capacity for the potential increased usage. These may not be material considerations but I would suggest that planners are there to help both the applicant and objector to create harmonious solutions.

I would appreciate it if you can confirm that the existing landscaping will be increased to include native flora which does create a barrier and further thought is given to the possibility of vehicular restriction at the first entrance.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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