

Rachel & Steve Grimwood
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langmead close
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Your Ref: OWPC18179
Our Ref: CM/7/18/PL 13-03-2018
Please ask for:
Mrs A Gardner

10th May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Change of use of land from agricultural field to 60 No. tent pitches operating from April to October to include 2 No. plumbed screened portable showers, 2 No. plumbed portable toilets, 2 No. screened changing cubicles, 2 No. 2 screened portable chemical toilets with hand wash facilities & washing up/drying area within existing building.

Woodpecker Camping Field Crookthorn Lane Climping

Thank you for your internet representation made on 10th May 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

In principle, a small campsite may be possible on this land, however, we have a number of reservations which we would like to state now:

- The amount of pitches applied for is quite large for the facilities offered. Assuming at least 2 people per tent and probably more (as it will be a family site) means that 120 plus people using relatively few toilets; probably leading to many not bothering to use the facilities at all, but relieving themselves in the countryside.*
- This amount of people will also cause considerable noise pollution plus smoke from fires and bbqs during the summer months when local residents are hoping to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of their own gardens.*
- The rubbish dumped by current tourists to Clymping beach, along Clymping street is horrendous, and as far as I am aware, council workers never veer off the A259 to clear litter. Dog muck along Bread lane is a major issue, which one would assume would increase with a dog friendly campsite at the top of the road. We would like assurances from the council that funds would be made available to deal with these problems effectively if planning permission was granted.*
- The owners are also hoping to sell adjacent land for a dementia home which would also use the A259 entrance to the east of the farm shop. It should be stipulated that further entrances in Clymping street will not be entertained in the future.*

We also have worries over the ulterior motive of the landowners and whilst we know this cannot be taken into account when making a planning decision, we would like our concerns 'on record' in case of future applications

The landowners have publicly stated that there is nothing more important than farming and yet every year there is an application to change the land use of one of their fields. This particular field, just south of the A259, has seen a piece sectioned off for the school, an application to sell a section to a care home builder and further down Clymping street another field has been fenced and hedged off in preparation for a caravan site. We imagine this campsite is just an interim project to change the designation from agriculture to make future applications for building work easier; particularly as we are under the impression that the farm shop might become a different retail outlet and yet the shop / caf is a big advertising point of the Woodpecker campsite.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control

committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Neil Crowther
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