

Luddesdown Parish Council

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Planning Department
Gravesham Borough Council
Sent by email

Dear Alison Webster,
R.E. 20211451 - Land Known as Greenacre, Lockyers Hill, Luddesdown, Kent

The Parish Council wishes to object to this application for a lawful development certificate for the above site on the following grounds –

There is insufficient evidence to support the claim there has been continuous occupation of the site for the last ten years, anecdotal comments received from parish residents suggest the caravan currently located on site was not present until circa December 2019. This has also been supported by photographs provided to the Parish Council, that we enclose, which were taken in 2016 and show the site did not have caravan present, the only objects being an abandoned van, a storage container and large amounts of rubbish.

Historically the site was used for grazing for one or two horses, hence the provision of a water supply. Upon the present owner's purchase of the property, they wished to construct a property for which they were unable to secure planning permission. The site then remained unmaintained for a number of years and certainly there was no occupation of the site.

As we previously mentioned, it wasn't until circa December 2019 that a static caravan appeared along with a campervan and other vehicles. The Parish Council also wishes to add that it was noted in the inspector's appeal for application 20051048 that the buildings on the site were used for agricultural purposes and had not been used as dwellings for some considerable time. Therefore, the current claim of the site being used for residential purposes for a period of fifty years as referred to in Mr B Jack's statement is incorrect.

Finally, the Parish Council also wishes to object on the grounds that if this were to be granted, we believe it would enable further inappropriate development of the site to occur that would lead to a harming of the openness of the Greenbelt and a detrimental impact on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Special Landscape Area.

Yours sincerely,

Shaun Fishenden

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Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Attached: Photographs of site taken in 2016.