

From: Bernard Sarson
Sent: 07 August 2015 15:00
To: Matthew Heron
Subject: Fwd: Ref S6/2015/1105,1106 and11111

Hi Matthew

FYI

Please find below email I have received from John Spragg.

Kind regard

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Francis Spragg "
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Subject: Ref S6/2015/1105,1106 and11111

Dear Sir,
[Ref S6/2015/1105, 1106 and 1111](#)

1. The Essendon Parish Council met at a public meeting on Wednesday 5th August 2015 to discuss the above applications. We have the following comments:-

We are very concerned about a number of aspects of this development, not the least of which is the apparent lack of the necessary public consultation. Our clerk has no record of Essendon

Parish Council being consulted on previous related applications, our awareness of the development stemming from observing the many hundreds of lorries that went into and tipped on to the site over very many months.

When we expressed our concern at this, WHBC LPA simply assured us it had received permission. We gather that the end result does not accord with that planning permission. Of more concern is that local residents along Hornbeam Lane, who suffered much of the mud and disruption to their amenity with the hundreds of tipper lorries passing through, many dozens a day, were also not consulted. When they queried this with the LPA, they inform us they were told that there was a field between them and the development, so they were not neighbours and there was no need for the LPA to consult with them. Given what they have endured, this seems to us to be an unreasonably restricted interpretation of the LPA's statutory duty in this regard, contrary to natural justice and, together with the apparent failure to consult with the Parish Council, displaying a distressing regard for the democratic and community basis for the planning system. This will not do. Further to this, we are now informed that the said intervening field is owned by the applicant. There was, therefore, no legitimate basis for the LPA to refuse to consult with these neighbouring properties. Now that the above applications are before us, we assume to legitimise the landfill and the change of use from domestic to commercial use, we have received a number of plans printed on A4. We find these difficult to read in view of which we must leave it to the LPA to arrive at a determination on the contouring, horse walker and storage building. What is of concern to us is the change of use for these equestrian facilities from a domestic to a commercial use. Local residents inform us that commercial use is already being carried out, with gymkhanas, noisy PA systems and the everyday impact of the commercial letting of stabling facilities with attendant noise, disruption and heavy traffic along Hornbeam Lane. The Parish council would not be concerned if the facilities were for domestic use attached to the main residence. Now this new commercial use is causing demonstrable harm to the quality of life and amenity of the residents along Hornbeam Lane. As such we strongly object to the change of use of the facilities to a commercial use.

We have been e-mailed by our Borough Councillor, Bernard Sarson, who has called these applications in such they will be considered by the Planning Committee. We understand that affected residents want to address that committee and, given the above circumstances, we would hope that they will receive every assistance from the LPA's offices.

John Spragg Essendon Parish Clerk