

Havant Borough Council
Planning and Development

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Dear Mr Joseph Toole

Your Ref: APP/22/01096 – Land adjacent to Weststar Hayling Island Holiday Park

Thank you for the letter outlining the proposal from Weststar to continue their use of the land adjacent to the holiday park for 'Recreational and Parking'

I have been the resident of [REDACTED] and I provide my opinion on the use of the 'recreation and parking'. To that end I have provided this letter and my interpretation of the images and photographs taken myself to show the land use by Weststar.

I use the field to walk a friends dog on a weekly basis so would consider my self as a user of the open space and have noted the changes over the period.

[REDACTED] allows me the competence to interpret the remote images and identify the changes over time in the document provided by Laister for Weststar.

In my opinion there are three questions related to this request

1. Has the land been used for recreation
2. Has the land been used for parking
3. Has the land been used responsibly and lawfully

1 Recreation

There is evidence of recreation are a football pitch from 2011 image before that date there is no imagery showing that use. The area used is cut to create a football 'pitch' with temporary goal posts, the pitch has changed position and been expanded over the period.

2 Parking

There is no evidence of parking over the period and no vehicles are shown in any of the google images supplied to support their premiss. Parking did occur on the field after the Covid 19 lockdown period where I assume the main site could not fit in the number of cars on site.

The vehicle use that does occur is to use a small off-road vehicle to drive along the boundary following the hedge line between the two entrances from the caravan site on to the field, this started after the Covid lockdown with an improvement in the cutting of the permissive paths (maintained permissive paths shown on item 7 in yellow).

The access point to the field have been in use and I will reference that as this has been expanded to suit the holiday parks detrimental use of the fields.

3 Responsibly and lawfully

To assist in this I have created a PowerPoint to highlight the areas referring to the slides below which are clear in what they are showing.



Slide 1 APP/22/01096 – Land adjacent to Weststar Hayling Island Holiday Park and areas marked for review.

Slide 2 – 1 Waste dumping area A

This area of path has seen considerable damage by use of Weststar vehicles which discourages its use for recreation and that field has been largely left to degrade. The edge of the field adjacent has been used as a dumping zone of material including rubble, artificial grass, decking, hedging and soil heap at the far end shown in the images. Whether there is hazardous material is unknown but there is certainly material dangerous to wildlife breaking HSE regulations.

Weststar seem to content to allow bramble to grow over to hide their use.

Slide 3 – 2 Waste dumping area B

This area is used as general waste storage and building material making it unsafe for recreation, the vehicle surface was improved post covid lockdown which has enabled more waste material. The dumping of material is shown in the images and the general lack of HSE with materials including rubble, building compacting hardcore and soil heap at the far end shown in the images.

Weststar seem to content to allow bramble to grow over half of the area to hide their use. Clear evidence of the expanding bramble area to hide rubble can be seen in the dated images provided by Laister.

Slide 4 – 3 No maintenance and waste dumping

This field edge has been used to dump vegetation and conifer hedging from the Weststar site and has general house hold items dumped behind the bramble again allowed to expand over the waste seen in the images.

There has been no maintenance to the drainage ditch and has no discouragement of an area used by people as an area which is used.

Slide 5 – 4 Hedge realignments

Weststar have been adjusting the hedge and boundaries realigned to allow for the accommodation of longer mobile homes. To remove old hedging and place the fence centreline further into the field goes against any environmental planning. Laister even noted the wildlife hedging but at this rate of change the old Hawthorn and Blackthorn hedge will all be removed by Weststar.



Conclusion

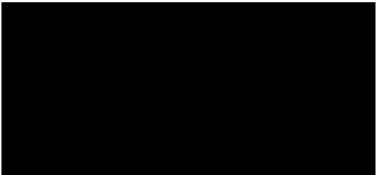
There is evidence of recreation.

There is no evidence of parking.

There is clear evidence of misuse of the land.

It is very clear there are areas of considerable concern in the land use by Weststar that are not covered by planning and the company should be investigated for HSE and environmental breaches.

Yours sincerely



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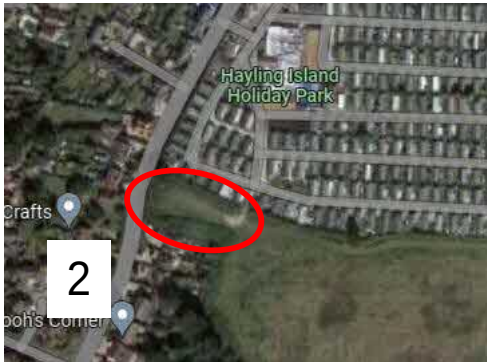


- 1 Waste dumping area A
- 2 Waste dumping area B
- 3 No maintenance and waste dumping C
- 4 Hedge realignments
- 5 Proposed vehicle areas
- 6 Recreation area
- 7 Permissive path cutting area

1 Waste dumping area A



2 Waste dumping area B



3 No maintenance and waste dumping



4 Hedge realignments

