

Comments for Planning Application APP/16/01234

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/16/01234

Address: Land - Stables adjacent to Hollybank Cottage, Long Copse Lane, Emsworth

Proposal: Change of use from private equestrian yard to a mixed use comprising private equestrian yard and single pitch, private gypsy and traveller site (including amenity block and one touring caravan pitch). Revised application.

Case Officer: Lewis Oliver

Customer Details

Name: Mr Christopher Poirrier

Address: Sunnyside 54 Long Copse Lane Emsworth

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Long Copse lane is one of the few roads recognised by Havant council for its rural charm and character. Apart from normal road traffic it is heavily used by young families, walkers, cyclists, joggers, dog walkers and horse riders not only at weekends but throughout the week.

It is a road composed of mainly high value single dwellings on either side and the proposed development would detract from this rural charm and also further erode the green space gap between Westbourne and Emsworth.

N.B. There has already been a significant amount of development within the area in recent years with a further 16 houses being built at the bottom of Long Copse lane.

The site is well maintained and clean. However, previous planning permission, which was obtained on appeal, has not been strictly adhered to. A static caravan on site was removed when the previous application was refused and replaced by an even larger static caravan, also at this time a spotlight was installed at the site, presumably to illuminate the yard at night but instead points directly at our neighbours in Hollybank cottage. These are not the actions of people wishing to integrate with the community, but to antagonize and intimidate the local residents.

The site itself is mostly frequented by Mr. Les Madgwick and a gentlemen who looks after and exercises the horse(s) on site. Despite the reference to a Mr Jimmy Magwich (assume this is a misspelling) and his partner now living on site. I have seen no evidence of this in the last few months. The various affidavits confirming a gypsy lifestyle fall somewhat short and merely confirm the family have spent summer holidays at horse fairs, what about the remaining 9 months of the year?

The whole appeal is based on their gypsy heritage and lifestyle. Mr Les and Jimmy Madgwick are both recorded on the electoral role as living at an address in Portsmouth since 2002 to present.

