

PLANNING REF : 211368  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 5 Bonhomie Court  
: Broadcommon Road, Hurst, Berks  
: RG10 0TD  
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Richard Wilton  
DATE SUBMITTED : 22/06/2021

COMMENTS:

Whilst I am supportive of the planning application for the restoration of the barn I have major reservations regarding the proposals for the sewage. Work has already commenced for the installation of a septic tank with an outflow into the stream which forms the boundary with Bonhomie Court. The stream flows through the grounds of Bonhomie exiting the grounds alongside Broadcommon Road. This stream floods in the winter and peak rain season and is currently very high following the recent heavy rain. At other times in the Summer the stream is completely dry with no flow.

The Environmental Agency (EPB: Part B6.5) requires land owners to seek a permit to discharge sewage effluent of more than 2 cubic meters per day to a river or stream. Appendix 1 includes specific comment regarding the discharging into water courses. Has a permit been applied for and granted prior to commencement of the installation of the septic tank?

The proposed outflow is directly into a stream owned by the resident freeholders of Bonhomie Court, no consultation or discussion has taken place. The Law requires land owners not to discharge effluent or to artificially channel water onto a neighbouring property which may cause damage to your neighbours land or cause flooding.

I request the Planning Officers to urgently review the position and take any necessary action.