

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – THE PADDOCKS, KYBES LANE, READING

Proposed Development

Planning permission is being sought for: the change of use of land for the stationing of caravans to form 11 no. Gypsy and Traveller pitches. It is a retrospective application for a development which commenced in 2012 and, had been developed in its current form by 2018.

Community Involvement

Local residents and community groups have had opportunity to comment on the development in 2012, 2018 and 2021.

In an appeal into the service of an enforcement notice (**APP/X0360/C/16/3153193**), local residents and community groups were invited to comment on the appeal proposals. From the list of appearances at the resultant public inquiry, as noted in the Inspector's decision, it is evident that there were no objectors to the development in attendance but, the appellants were supported by the Parish Rector, the Café Manager at St Michael's Church in Grazeley, and a NHS Health Visitor. Furthermore, there was a petition submitted in favour of the appeal proposals.

When the planning permission, granted on appeal in 2018, came up for renewal in 2021, there was no objections received from the Parish Council or, any local residents. On the other hand, the owner/occupier of Ostlers Cottage, directly opposite the application site, wrote in support of his neighbours.

It is clear that, after initial uncertainty as to the intentions of the site residents, they have integrated with the local community, through attendance at the primary school and church in Grazeley. Opposition has turned to support and, as evidenced by the letter attached from [REDACTED] local residents are satisfied with the use and appearance of the application site. Furthermore, [REDACTED] comments on the site residents' contribution to maintaining the local environment and, concludes that: *"They are an asset to Grazeley and we believe they should be allowed to stay permanently"*.

Clearly, with the development having been completed, there is now no further opportunity for community involvement to influence the design or layout of the caravan site.

Letter of Support

PLANNING REF : 212241

PROPERTY ADDRESS : [REDACTED]

: Kybes Lane, Grazeley, Berkshire

: RG7 1NG

SUBMITTED BY : [REDACTED]

DATE SUBMITTED : 03/08/2021

COMMENTS:

My family and I have lived across the road from The Paddocks for nearly nine years, first at Lea Cottage before we moved to The Ostlers next door.

They have been nothing but good neighbours to us and for the surrounding area.

Throughout our time here we have had no issues and have welcomed their family group to the area.

Their children go to the local primary school with our children who play together.

The Ray family have maintained the passing places on the road and filled pot holes where the council have failed to act.

They planted flowers along the road to make it look nice in spring and early summer.

They walk the road litter picking and have cleared fly tipping from the lane when it has been dumped.

Their land is well maintained and looks aesthetically part of the area.

They are an asset to Grazeley and we believe they should be allowed to stay permanently.