

PLANNING REF : 242418
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 7 Reading Road
: Eversley, 7 Reading Road Eversley, Hook, Hampshire
: RG270RP
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Michael Stockton
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COMMENTS:

My comment about this application will be virtually the same as my previous comments to the application 240893. I do not understand how the change of use of a property could warrant a positive decision for an already failed application?

Firstly No postcards were put through the neighbouring doors this time!

The use of 'Grasscrete' is very generic, I use a google search to find the UK manufacturing company who supply this product, and spoke to there authorised person, who explained to myself that there are many types of there product and a more specific type of this product was required before they could full comment, but NONE of there products are designed for hard standing of vehicles, it is designed for

vehicles to drive over it, but not to be used as a hard surface to store vehicles, interesting, they then advised that whilst the product is ports to provide runaway, the product dose increase the density of the ground, making it HOLD more water. So this would contravene what the application states, as YES this would affect upstream and downstream neighbouring properties.

The property boundaries may encompass flood zone 2/3, the same as our property number 7, but the car park extension is 100% in the Floodzone 3 area, thus falling in a higher categorie of flood risk assessment, as we know due to our building extension through Wokingham council. There is NO evidence of the Flood risk assessment for this area in this application.

As from the previous application, the current car parking area has space for 22 cars, this is more than adequate fora building of this size and occupation. The car park has already been extended once, the extending a further time will only be detrimental to the current countryside scene, and make a rural building look more like an industrial unit which is not in keeping with our village street scene.

The habitation of the trees in the boundaries of 1-3 Reading road is also by bats, so by removing this, you are not only changing the bio diversity but removing the natural habitat for these animals. The application again says there are no trees or hedgerows on the proposed site, but the boundaries are surround by them on 3 sides? You will be removing more green infrastructure from this site than you are replacing!

The Business has quite clearly outgrown the property, which is fantastic for the business owner, but lets not ruin a countryside property because of expansion, move to a bigger commercial property that can allow you to operate correctly.

Furthermore to the flooding issues, only in the last month have we seen heavy prolonged rain, the Blackwater river has burst its banks on two occasions, there were private ambulances parked on the green area at the time, the ground to the rear of the car park has now been churned up by the attempts made to free these vehicles, no attempt has been made to put right the ground? The business has only on 1

occasion this year done any ground maintenance, which was done by the employees, there is no ground maintenance contractor currently looking after the site, something that's always been in place since we have lived here. So the planting of a Laurel hedgerow adjacent to my property will give me privacy, but it will not be maintained by the current owners that is clear to see. The floodwater stayed on the grass area for over a week, making the ground uninhabitable for the owners, something we are used to, and comes with owning a property next to a water course!!!

The business is a 24hr business 365 days a year, the environmental health side of things have never been brought up in this application, but the use of reversing sounders after certain times of night is a constant battle, the new issue is the operatives of the vehicles sitting in them to keep warm and charging their mobile phones, or making phone calls on loudspeaker in the vehicle, this at all times whilst the vehicle is left running and producing diesel fumes, this can be for hours!!! and constant, we know because my wife works out of a studio in our garden 4 days a week, and my son sometimes sleeps in there, and hears the vehicles rearing at all hours of the morning, not very countryside like!

The vehicles are also washed on site, the pollution from the vehicles goes straight into the ground, and therefore enters the local water course as the site has no interceptors for catching the water, another contravention for a commercial site!

The local groundwater levels are at an all time high according to Thames Water, and we ourselves have just finished being protected by Thames Water from this by the installation of an 81000 flip pump device that serves Nos 7,9, and 11, the additional density to the ground from this additional 5 car parking spaces will only add to a problem that already exists!

Please look at the amount of previous applications to develop this site!!!!

Sorry to sound off, but by removing more green areas from our dwindling countryside really needs to be put a stop too, there are some many empty business units in the local area with much more space and security which would be better suited to a business like this.

Happy to be put right on any of my comments.

My door is always open, but my dog is not always fed.

Many Thanks.