

Review reference 15/00027/RREF

Good Evening I have tried to access the link you sent me for the Scotborders web page but it would not work. But I would like to have the following points considered at the appeal hearing.

- Unless there has been a new plan submitted I cannot see how this appeal can be successful
- The subject of access to this extension still has to be addressed and for this application to have any chance of being accepted the Caravan site owners must create an access to this area that is through the existing caravan site. As any plans to access through Barefoots road would be unmanageable.
- The reason for these static caravans has to be provided, and who they are for (will it be a seasonable occupation) The last thing we need as neighbors is a Gypsy type occupation.

I hope the planning committee come to the correct decision and if the Caravan park does have to be extended then there is a large area to the West of the site that lies undisturbed and currently owned (I believe) by the Caravan park owners.

The proposed area is designated for Private residential housing and this is what it should remain as.

Kind Regards

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Fao Fiona Walling

Dear Fiona,

Thankyou for forwarding the comments from A & C Ritchie, 3 Barefoots Road. Our response on behalf of our client, Park Resorts Ltd, is set out below:

It appears they are not aware of the most recent amended plan regarding site access which was submitted as part of the planning application. Indeed, part of our client's case is that the Council did not take this into account either when issuing the decision. The plan has been amended to omit the vehicular access from Barefoots Avenue, due to the concerns of residents, and instead the site access is to be relocated to the west coming off Pocklaw Slap. Vehicular access to the application site from Pocklaw Slap has already been approved as part of the outline application (planning permission in principle) for the built housing development on this site. The highways officer also noted this in his comments on the current application subject of this Review. The applicant does not consider that vehicular access all the way through the existing holiday park is the most appropriate to serve the proposed mobile home development and vehicular access from Pocklaw Slap to serve residential development on the same site has already been approved.

They are also unclear on the purpose of the application, and again the case is made in our client's statement that the officers have also failed to understand the nature of the proposal before them. The applicant has made it very clear in the planning application submission and the further statement provided for the review, that the proposed development is for mobile homes, meaning caravans for permanent residential occupation and not for seasonal holiday occupation. These mobile homes are designed to a high standard and are sold to private owners who, in accordance with the Mobile Homes Act 1983, must purchase and occupy them as their permanent home/ main residence.

Details of the type of mobile home/park home have been provided. They will be permanently sited on the land as an attractive residential development in keeping with the surroundings. It will not be a gypsy/traveller site; that is an entirely different housing issue. The site will be owned and managed by Park Resorts as a residential/park home estate.

As noted in our submitted statements, the nature of mobile home developments are that there is in fact much greater control over the occupancy of the housing provided, in that they have to be sold as a person's main or sole residence, unlike built dwellings which can be bought as second homes or holiday homes. Therefore, not only will this development ensure that the site remains in use for private housing, but it will ensure that housing is occupied by people living permanently in the town and not just used as part of the holiday/second home market. As such it will make a far greater contribution to delivering accommodation to meet local housing need than the built houses would do.

The role of mobile homes (or park homes as they are referred to in the industry) in providing low cost market housing across the UK is significant with between 200,000 – 250,000 people living in park homes across the UK; between 1500 – 1800 park home estates/residential caravan parks; and between 1,350 and 1500 new park homes units are manufactured in the UK each year to meet the demand.

I would draw members' attention to the detailed comments in our statement which address these points further.

Yours sincerely,

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