

E-mail from Burwash: Save Our Fields to the developer

3 December 2020

Dear Mr Hulkes,

I have received your reply dated 24 November 2020 to my e-mail which made certain requests. Thank you for the drawing for Plot 5 and 6. You may be interested to know that Rother has still not put the drawing on its website.

You made a number of statements in your e-mail. These were considered by our members at their meeting on Saturday 28 November 2020 and they asked me to write to you about those comments.

You wrote the matters in red:

In order to enable the group to make a fully informed decision the group asks for the following material and permissions.

1 A copy of the missing plans for Plots 5 and 6. Attached is a copy of this drawing, we will contact RDC to advise them that they have not uploaded it to their website yet. We have also checked RDC's website and can confirm that all other drawings submitted as part of the Reserved Matters application are available on the Council's website.

Thank you.

2 Permission for a photographer to enter the site and take photographs. No, this should not be necessary as you appear have a number of photos of the site on your website already. We would also note the photos on your website were taken without gaining the agreement of us or the other landowners for you or whoever took the photos to enter the site.

None of the photographs you refer to was taken by a photographer trespassing at the request of any member of our group. None of the photographs was taken by someone in the field after the hoarding was erected. Most, if not all, were taken outside the field by a telephoto lens. The group is not able to rule out that one or more were taken before the hoarding went up and when residents walked in Watercress Field. Those residents either had or presumed they had consent to walk in the field.

The group repeats its request as most of the photographs were taken before all the issues in the current planning application were known and it is in the interest of the applicant, Rother District Council and objectors that current photographs with the date the photograph was taken are used.

3 Permission for three members of the group to visit the site. No, permission is not given. If any members of the group enter the site without authorisation they will be carrying out an act of trespass and will be doing so at their own risk.

It is in the interest of the applicant, Rother District Council and objectors that an accurate assessment of the field is made by a site meeting by our group. We invite you

to think that your response in red will be seen by the local community and Rother as community hostile and aggressive.

4 [Permission for an ecologist to visit the site.](#) No, as we have previously advised in our email to you dated 17 February 2020 the reports that have been submitted with the Reserved Matters application have been produced by qualified professionals who are experts in their individual fields.

As you know in the last application for this site the County Ecologist found that your ecologist made multiple errors. You may know that the High Weald unit in their assessments of the ecologist report for the current application recommended a fresh ecological assessment and found contradiction and disparity in your ecologist's report and that 'measures taken were not sufficient.'

The group repeats its request so that Rother can have a further report. It is noted that by your repeated refusals of access have made ecological assessments at the appropriate time of year difficult.

5 [Copies of your correspondence with the Environment Agency since 1 January 2019.](#) The consultation response from the Environment Agency is available on the Council's website

The group repeats its request as your comment deals with a different document. The requested documents are not on the website.

6 [Copies of your correspondence with Southern Water since 1 January 2019.](#) Southern Water's consultation response to the Reserved Matters application is currently awaited and no doubt will be uploaded to the Council's website once the Council receive it. Their previous consultation responses to the approved Outline applications (RR/2017/582/P) and the refused Full application (RR/2018/1787/P) are still available for you to view on the council's website

The group repeats its request as your comment deals with different documents. The requested documents are not on the website.

7 [Copies of your correspondence with Rother District Council since 1 January 2018.](#) We are unable to provide copies, therefore we suggest that you contact the Council regarding this request.

The group repeats its request as it does not believe that you are unable to provide copies.

8 [Copies of the site visit reports of the Ash Partnership since they were engaged on the project.](#) The various reports from The Ash Partnership are available from the Council's website in respect of the previous applications and current Reserved Matters application.

The group repeats its request as your comment deals with different documents. The requested documents are not on the website.

9 [A copy of the Site Inspection report which is referred to at para 5.9 of the Town and Country Planning Solutions' Planning Design and Statement dated June 2018.](#) The report is not relevant to the Reserved Matters that are the subject of the current application.

The group repeats its request as evaluations of the site are highly relevant to the current issues.

10 The section drawings for plots 25 and 30. Please see our reply to item 1 above

The group additionally requests you provide us with those parts of the ecologist's material that have been sent to Rother and which you wish to remain confidential.

Yours sincerely,

Helene King

Burwash: Save our Fields

From: Laurence Hulkes <Laurence@parklanegroup.net>

Sent: 24 November 2020 11:05

To: Burwash Save Our Fields <contact@burwashsaveourfields.org.uk>

Cc: Mike Pickup <tcps@talk21.com>; Sarah Shepherd <Sarah.Shepherd@rother.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Watercress Field, off Stand Meadow, Burwash

Dear Helene,

Mr Pickup has forwarded us the below email that you have sent to him yesterday. Please see below our replies in red.

Regards

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