

Binegar Parish Council

Application: 2018/2376/CLE
Proposal: Removal of planning condition preventing year round occupation of caravans
Location: Old Down Caravan Site, Old Down, BA3 4SA

The Council considered this application at its 6 November 2018 meeting.

It resolved to recommend refusal.

The applicant states that he did not properly understand the condition stopping all year occupation and that, as it has been breached for 10 years, year round occupation should become lawful.

Unlike the applicant, the Parish Council has always been clear about the restrictions on occupation of caravans, not least from its responses to previous planning applications.

The Parish Council notes that the site has not been in continuous ownership for the past decade.

The Parish Council also notes that the current owner has made previous applications and appeals to remove the planning condition preventing year round occupation.

The application's supporting statement omits reference to planning application 2017/2151/VRC and the subsequent appeal APP/Q3305/W/17/3175799 against refusal of permission.

In dismissing the appeal, the Planning Inspector wrote:

"The proposed variation of condition (2) would remove the effective limit on the number of caravans allowed on the site, which would give rise to an unacceptable highway safety risk. The proposed variation of condition (5) would result in an unfettered residential site in an unsustainable location; whilst this condition is limited in its effectiveness to achieve the sustainable aims of planning policy, its removal would make permanent residential development even more likely and therefore on balance I consider that the condition should remain."

The Parish Council supports the Inspector's view that removal of condition (5) would result in an unfettered residential site in an unsustainable location.

For these reasons, it recommends refusal of the application.