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**From:** Alison Heath <>  
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**To:** Planning (SMDC)  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to Planning Application SMD/2018/0472 for Caravan Park at Upper Moorend Farm, Cauldon

**Categories:**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I strongly object to the above planning application and here are my reasons:

In their application they state for "Existing Use" that they have 7 sheep, 3 goats, 2 Billy goats, special breed poultry and pigs, they do not, they have 8 goats, no Billy goats, no rare breed poultry or any pigs. They do however own 2 horses, plus another horse belonging to Mrs Sarah Shepard of 72 Stoney Lane, who pays livery to Mrs Rhodes, and a pony, all of which do not appear on their application, all of them are housed in the illegally built stables

If they only have 7 sheep, why do they need a huge lambing shed ? There are already many sheds on the property already.

I believe the application for caravans with "disabled access" to be a ruse in order to get the plans passed – where they plan to site these caravans is wholly unsuitable for disabled access, how do they expect disabled people to negotiate the very stoney ground that they have created ? There is no way wheelchairs can roll smoothly and able bodied people have trouble walking on the stones so I doubt a disabled person on crutches or in a wheelchair would find it any easier

They also mention that the caravan used as rented accommodation has been removed from the site – it has not, an old touring caravan was towed off the site last weekend, but this is not the caravan they have rented out for the past 8 years

Point 7  
"no materials will be used in the proposed development build" – how can that be ? What do they intend to build the lambing shed and new drive with ?

Point 8  
They have answered "no" to the question "is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway", yet the application is for "re-routing the highway access drive" ????? Their answer contradicts their application

With regard to plans for the new drive way, please consult the plans and ask further questions of the applicants as it does not show how the drive will get from one side of their house to the other to access the caravans ? Currently it stops dead in the middle of their front garden.

Point 10  
"Are there any trees or hedges on the proposed development site" for which they have answered "no", this is because earlier this year they cut down 3 trees belonging to a neighbouring farmer, Mr and Mrs Fred Burndred, without permission

Point 11

"How will surface water be disposed of ?" Answer: sustainable drainage system – what is this ? As far as I am aware no such system exists and details of such should be sought

Point 12

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Mrs Rhodes planted a couple of packets of wild flower seeds on the bund (so called landscaping) this year so these should not be considered of special interest, belonging to the area or worthy of conservation

Point 13

Foul Sewage, in answer to the question, "please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of? , they have said by "mains sewer," Upper Moorend Farm is not on the mains sewer, only a small septic tank.

Point 14

Waste and Collection

In the past Mr and Mrs Rhodes have used their domestic bins for waste emanating from the rented static caravan and have on more than one occasion put excess waste in the bins belonging to neighbours in Stoney Lane, without permission

Point 18

Employment – they do not plan to employ anyone so there is no benefit to the surrounding rural community

In conclusion, I strongly object to this application, the area is already saturated with caravan parks, one already exists on the neighbouring property at Lower Moored Farm, and there are further caravans at The Cross Pub, and yurt style glamping tents at Limestone View Park, there is no need for any more, they are a blot on the landscape and attract all sorts of undesirables – this weekend is a point in fact when a load of Gypsy Caravans descended on a caravan park in Waterhouses

The said caravan park would only be 60 yards away from my house and would have an enormous negative impact on my life, it would create noise and light pollution, smoke pollution from cars and BBQs, etc and would without question devalue the price of my property.

Also be aware, Mrs Rhodes has verbally confirmed to a neighbour that she plans to have 5 or 6 caravans on the site so it will not stop at 2

Without wishing to tell you how to do your job, I believe the application to be erroneous in many areas and should not be taken at face value, further questions should be asked of the applicants before a decision is made.

Since Mr and Mrs Rhodes moved to Lower Moored Farm nearly 10 years ago, they have flouted planning laws at every opportunity. They have erected a stable block with hard standing, widened their yard, dug up agricultural ground and rented out a static caravan, all without planning permission. In February this year they began earth moving for a caravan park, again without planning permission, and they would have succeeded in doing so if I had not called Julie Howard in your Enforcement Depart who subsequently visited the site and closed it down.

To approve this retrospective planning application sends out the wrong signal, where is the incentive for people to follow planning rules if all they need to do is submit retrospective plans if they get caught building without permission ? Where is the punishment for flouting planning laws ?

I welcome you to come and visit my property to see for yourself how close this site will be to my house and the effect it will have on my way of life !

If you have any further questions or would like any explanation of what I have included in this email, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely

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