



Minutes of a meeting of Halstead Parish Council Planning Committee held on Thursday, 02 January 2020 at 10.30am in the Pavilion.

In attendance: Cllr Brooker, Cllr Brown, Cllr Halliday, Cllr Marshall and clerk plus 2 Parishioners.

AGENDA

1. Apologies: None
2. Declarations of interest / requests for dispensation: None
3. APPLICATIONS TO BE DECIDED
 - a. 19/0310/FUL Land West of Yearling Coppice Farm, Otford Lane
Creation of track and hardstanding

Halstead Parish Council object to this application.

This application is a retrospective application which we believe should have been made clear in the application.

This council requested a site visit for this application and were told we would be able to see the property from the road and the PROW. On visiting, we were only able to see part of the property, We were invited into a neighbouring garden to see more but were still only able to see part of the property so it was difficult to comment on the application.

We believe, as per the NPPF paragraph 176, that “great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing the Area of Natural Beauty” in which this property sits. We do not believe that the creation of track and hardstanding enhances the area and is inappropriate development within the green belt. We also have concerns about contamination from the run-off of water on the materials that have been used in the creation of this development.

We believe that, as is stated within the Development in the Green Belt SPD paragraph 10.5 that where outdoor recreation activities are acceptable in principle they may result in adverse impacts, The landscape character and visual amenity of the countryside may be affected as well as other possible impacts from noise, traffic generation, car parking and disruption to residential amenity. We believe that the land is in use for equestrian development which we agree would be appropriate in the green belt but that this application may require submission of a change of use if it to be used as a car park.