

EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Committee Details of a Delegated Decision

Decisions can be delegated to the Chairman plus two other members if agreed by the Chairman.

The decision detailed below was made under delegated authority.

WD/2011/2527/LDE – REGULARISING USE OF SITE AS GENERAL INDUSTRIAL LAND ADJACENT TO PARK LODGE, SOUTH STREET, EAST HOATHLY.

Three members of the PC have lived in the village for at least the last 12 years. Neither they, nor several long term residents of the village who have been canvassed, remember the buildings referred to - which are little more than a sub-divided small outbuilding - as being used for anything overtly commercial or 'general industrial'. None of the residents asked can recall anything other than the odd parked car since the late 1990s. These buildings comprise barely 5% of the entire site to which the authorised use application relates.

The PC notes that in 2000, the same applicant was applying for 'retrospective planning permission' for use of the (entire?) site as 'open car storage on disused builders yard'. This application was subsequently withdrawn in 2001. In 2007 a planning application by the same applicant for the construction on the site of 30 residential dwellings was also withdrawn.

The PC and the several long term residents of the village who have been addressed can only recall the field, which represents some 95% of the site on which the applicant is seeking authorised general industrial use, as a green field on which no commercial activity has ever taken place.

The PC therefore believes that there is sufficient evidence to contradict this LDE application to regularise the use of the site as general industrial.

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