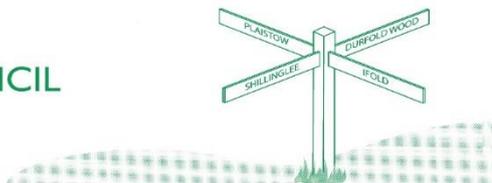


PLAISTOW AND IFOLD PARISH COUNCIL



6th August 2020

Mr Derek Price
Planning Officer
Chichester District Council
East Pallant House
1 East Pallant
Chichester
PO19 1TY

Dear Mr Price,

Re: 20/01225/FUL | Proposed change of use of land and buildings from agricultural storage to B8 use with an ancillary charcoal making facility, associated with the operation of a forestry and tree surgery business, the temporary siting of a mobile home for a period of 3 years, siting of septic tank, installation of replacement gates and retention of landscaping/earth bund. | Oxencroft Ifold Bridge Lane Ifold Loxwood RH14 0UJ

Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council's Planning and Open Spaces Committee considered the above application at a meeting on 5th August.

The Parish Council maintains its strenuous OBJECTION to all aspects of this application and respectfully refers the Planning Officer to its letter dated 25th June.

In addition to the comments already made, the Parish Council wishes to highlight the following:

Oxencroft's location within the Ifold estate is situated in a valley; consequently, smoke generated by a charcoal burner will linger over residential properties, especially if the weather is fine with little wind. The Parish Council has concerns regarding the adverse impact on the air quality in Ifold, which will affect residents' health and wellbeing in addition to their enjoyment of their own homes and gardens. Residents have already experienced smoke from the site and have considerable concerns as expressed above. The Parish Council understands that charcoal production requires hours, if not days of burning. On a commercial scale this will be highly detrimental to a residential community such as Ifold. Therefore, the Parish Council respectfully requests that the Planning Officer fully informs themselves of the exact nature of commercial charcoal production to ensure all decisions are made on accurate and impartial information and this is applied to the specific conditions of this site and its situation within Ifold and its proximity to other residential properties.

The Parish Council notes that the submitted plans do not detail where the charcoal burner will be located on the site. The Parish Council respectfully requests that this information is ascertained from the applicants without delay and reviewed considering the above comments and concerns.

The Parish Council remains extremely concerned regarding the vehicle movements within the whole of Ifold estate. As previously stated, all roads are either footpaths or bridleways, which includes Chalk Road and The Drive; neither of these roads are suitable to access the site. The addition of a commercial charcoal business will increase the number and frequency of movements both in terms of delivery of raw timber for burning and the removal of charcoal from the site.

Yours sincerely



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