FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1207/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

We are requesting, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, answers to the following questions, as contained in our emails of 6/8/18. Questions 2 - 15 reference conditions contained in the Caravan License (01/2003) granted to Wing Hall in 2003.

1. What number of camping pitches, caravans and people has been considered when determining the required capacity of sewage and toilet facilities following the leak of raw sewage in 2017 and subsequent works? How was this camp site size determined?

   Answer: The drainage requirements would have been assessed on the original retrospective planning application approval and subsequent Site Licence for Touring Caravans (i.e. 20 units). The Council has not been consulted on the current usage of the Caravan site nor the adjoining land and any additional fields used for camping purposes.

2. Can you confirm that the site provides adequate access for fire appliances to all parts of the site? (License Condition 4.1)

   Answer: An exit road from the caravan site is one of the planning conditions that was imposed at the time planning permission was given. This has not been undertaken and is currently being investigated in conjunction with Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service.

3. Was the access constructed in accordance with the planning conditions before the change of use to a caravan site commenced (Condition 4.2, 4.3)?

   Answer: The planning approval was retrospective so the land was being used as a Caravan Site prior to this being obtained. The access and egress from the site is currently being investigated in conjunction with Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service.

4. Does each pitch on the site have a drinking water supply within 90 metres and are they provided with the required drainage provision (Condition 5.1)?

   Answer: Sufficient water supply points are provided. The drainage provision is currently under review.
5. Are there waste water disposal points within 90 metres of each pitch and have you seen the foul water disposal system design, its approval by the Water Authority and Environment Agency and inspected its installation in accordance with these authorities requirements (Condition 5.2)?

Answer: There is waste disposal provision for the licensed Caravan Site, as detailed within the retrospective planning application that was approved in 2002. The Water Authority and Environment Agency will be requested to check whether the provision meets with their requirements.

6. Bearing in mind the campsite now offers 400 units have you had sight of the design for the sewage system to handle this considerable increase in capacity and do you have conformation from the Water Authority and Environment Agency that this design is approved and fully installed as approved (Condition 5.2)?

Answer: The Council have not been provided with detailed information regarding the sanitary provisions for the whole site including the unauthorised camping areas. This is under review and the Water Authority and Environment Agency will be requested to comment on whether the provision meets with their requirements.

7. With the licence for 20 units stating the scale of provision has the current provision been pro-rata increased and does the Council regularly inspect these facilities, if so when were they last inspected (Condition 6.1,6.2)?

Answer: The Council does not hold this information. Neither the Water Authority nor the Environment Agency have been consulted by the land owners. The requirements for sanitary requirements would be different due to the numbers camping on the land.

8. Is the disposal of the contents of chemical closets to the satisfaction of the Council and the Water Authority (Condition 6.3)?

Answer: The Council does not hold this information. The Water Authority has not been consulted by the land owners.

9. This states that no unit should be more than 30 metres from a fire point, is this the case for the current campsite (Condition 8.1)?

Answer: The caravan site has a number of fire points. The siting and provision of fire points is currently being investigated in conjunction with Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service.

10. Do the fire points every 30 metres comply with the water requirements set out in clauses 9.1 and/or 9.2 (Condition 9.1,9.2)?

Answer: The siting and provision of fire points is currently being investigated in conjunction with Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service.

11. Has a Fire Officer been consulted and does the equipment installed comply with their requirements (Condition 9.3)?

Answer: The provision of firefighting equipment is currently being investigated in conjunction with Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service.

12. Are fire beaters provided at vulnerable points e.g close the field boundaries, woodlands etc (Condition 9.4)?

Answer: The provision of fire beaters is currently being investigated in conjunction with Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service.
13. Are there fire alarms at each fire point and are they to the approval of the Fire Officer (Condition 10.1)?

   Answer: The provision of fire alarms is currently being investigated in conjunction with Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service.

14. Has the Council inspected the fire maintenance records for the site on a regular basis and if so when were they last inspected (Condition 11)?

   Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

15. Is the current site fully compliant with the requirements of Conditions 12, 13, 14?

   Answer: The current site is not fully compliant with the requirements of Conditions 12, 13, 14.

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Yours faithfully

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