FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 319/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

This FOI relates to the extent and licencing of the caravan and camping site at Wing Hall.

1. An update on what has been done by RCC to bring the campsite in line with the licencing regulations including sight of correspondence on these matters?

Answer:
Legal advice taken by the Council has indicated that this matter should, at this time, be enforced under relevant planning legislation (as per the response to question 2 below).

2. What has been done to bring the site into line with the planning regulations?

Answer:
Rutland County Council requested that the Owner of the site / their agent submit either a new planning application or an application for a certificate of lawful use, by the end of March 2019. As this deadline has now passed with no such application having been received, a further letter has been sent indicating the next steps. A copy of this latest letter is attached (Wing Hall 1 April 2019_Redacted).

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Yours faithfully

FOI Administrator
Business Support Team
Rutland County Council
Dear [Name],

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
USE OF LAND FOR CAMPING AND CARAVANNING – WING HALL, RUTLAND

Further to our previous discussions, I note that you stated that a new application would be submitted ‘by March’. It is now April and we do not appear to have received a new submission.

It remains the Council’s view that the only lawful use of the land as a camping site relates to the planning permission granted under reference FUL/2002/0006, the use of any other land for such purposes is therefore unauthorised. This being the case such activity should be restricted to the permitted area until such time as any subsequent planning permission is in place or lawful use has been demonstrated. The use of the unauthorised areas of land as a camping site may result in enforcement action being taken to control such a use.

You have indicated that an application is to be submitted in the next few days however it is not clear whether this proposed submission is in the form of a new planning application, an application for a certificate of lawful use or both. I would therefore be grateful if you could clarify how you intend to proceed and await receipt of your application which is required within the next 7 days.

Yours sincerely,

N J Hodgett
Principal Planning Officer

cc Mrs C [email address]