

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Ref Land at White Gables Farm, Blunham Road

The Moggerhanger Parish Council would like to express their collective view regarding the Enforcement Notices highlighting the alleged breaches of planning control lodged against R A Andersons & Sons and the subsequent appeals to these breaches.

The view of the Parish Council is that they do not accept or condone any parishioner who flouts the planning controls imposed by Central Bedfordshire Council Planning Department and fully supports the enforcement of these notices.

In general, Laws, conditions and notices only come to fruition if they have a negative impact on society or have an adverse effect on the local populace. These laws emanate from corrective action taken to counter bad practices that need addressing. Planning notices should not be considered any less important to many other laws that everyone is expected to adhere to.

The current impasse at White Gables Farm needs to be addressed in a manner that is acceptable to all parties and the Parish Council is confident this can happen. No-one would want to see a business suffer financially in the current climate or see credible employment lost due to the actions or decisions taken here today but we all have to work within the planning regulations, this covers individual parishioners and local businesses. To that end we would welcome Central Bedfordshire Council and the Planning Inspectorate to ensure these enforcement notices remain in place with firm timelines whilst providing R A Andersons & Sons clear direction as the actions required to address these issues.

The impact on the local community and the passion that is felt by a considerable number of parishioners is very credible and their wishes have been expressed to the Moggerhanger Parish Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and the Inspectorate. Although they feel in many cases they are not all affected by every enforcement notice, some are directly impacted by the notices and have over a considerable period of time had to suffer the effect of living nearby a thriving business. Some may ask the question why did you move to that location in the first place, but many have lived in Moggerhanger all their life and have seen this business grow from only a few articulated vehicles and trailers to a 24 hour multi-national business that appears to have outgrown its property. This is to the credit of R A Andersons & Sons and the company must be applauded for their achievements but it doesn't detract from the negative and often sour relationship felt between both the business and the local residents due to the issues this expansion has created.

The opinion of this Parish Council is that the company operating at White Gables Farm must comply with the enforcement notices and actively pursue a path in which they can continue to operate as an effective business within the confines of the property and within the agreed operating hours of business.

It would also be of great benefit and assurance if the Planning Department could ensure some form of monitoring is in place to confirm these enforcement notices are adhered to. The Parish Council would like to reiterate their support of Central Bedfordshire Council to enforce these notices and would hope the Inspectorate would consider the lives of the many residents who are here today to express their desperation in what has become a very serious issue for this small community. We either have planning regulations that are maintained and upheld or we don't.