

From District Councillor Michael Gay

(note - received before Wyke Farms had clarified certain aspects for the Parish Planning group)

I wanted to let you know that I have contacted the case officer to refer this application to the Planning Board.

The reasons I have done so can be summarised as my concerns relating to impact on the amenity of residents, the sustainability of the site under DP9, issues with the drainage and flooding assessment, and the difficulty of finding suitable conditioning that would not be too onerous, nor fall back on residents as the sole monitors. In my remarks I have also made reference to Wyke's record as a local employer and their history of responding to local dialogue.

From this point, my referral will be reviewed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of Planning, who will decide whether they agree with my referral. Because the planning process is adversely affected by the current conditions, I can't at this point advise when they will make their decision, and when any relevant Planning Board would be.

I'd be grateful if you could communicate this update via your local communication system so residents are advised.

Please also remind them that the opportunity to comment remains open, and likewise they can send me their comments and questions, or call.

I am in touch with the applicant's agent, who seems open to discussion. The District Council will be making progress using virtual meetings, and I did mention that as one way residents could perhaps have an open meeting, limited by how good telephony or audio-visual link via Broadband could be in Lamyatt.

Please keep me informed of your view, I want to work closely with the you and the residents.

kind regards

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