

PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE

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ADDENDUM REPORT

Report no.	Item no.	Application no.	Applicant	Parish
239/2018	1	2018/0096/FUL	MR J CONEN	BARROW

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Further Neighbour Responses

2 further response have been received as a result of the report being published. Both relate to further concerns about highway safety on the revised Main Street access:

- Oncoming vehicles cannot pass
- There is no pavement for pedestrians or indeed anywhere to move to safety should vehicles come along and this is a village where people - dog walkers, walkers, children, bicycles - are regularly present.
- Should this glamping site be approved, traffic down this section, and therefore the dangers, will be increased.
- Who will be held responsible if any accident occurs whether it involves people, children, pets or oncoming vehicles, as a result of this going ahead?
- I would like to point out that the blind corner by my house (September Cottage) has had several incidents. Two of my cats were run over and injured, resulting in their deaths.
- My grandson had to break leaving the corner when meeting another car and skidded off his bike. This resulted in several hundred pounds of damage and a visit to Peterborough A&E. This incident was by locals who know the road. I fear for the safety of the children walking to and from school and playing, when strangers are up and down all summer.
- I am in total amazement that an Officer of RCC can deem that this narrow road is suitable. It was built several hundred years ago for horse drawn vehicles and struggles now with 2018 traffic. Adding to it seems foolish, if not reckless.

Additional Information from Applicant

The applicant has submitted the following today:

Unfortunately I am away on business in London, which could not be avoided, so will not be able to make it back in time for the meeting.

I genuinely believe the impact of the proposed glamping site will be minimal. It would appear the highways officer is of a similar opinion. Until a few years ago, one house on this section of Main Street operated as a successful B&B and I don't recall there being any issues with traffic. I am also aware that the feared impact of the glamping site on the village of Belton was not realised.

It is really important to us that this application is successful. The income is desperately needed to ensure we are able to maintain the farm land as a viable entity. The farm has always been an important part of the village. My father in law was born in Red House so there is a longstanding link with the village and local economy. It was the main employer in the village for many years. We hope its importance to the village economy will continue but it can only do so if there is a viable business. Diversification is essential for farming communities and our proposal is a low impact opportunity. We could have continued with the certified location

application which had been approved by the Camping & Caravan Club, which would have enabled us to accommodate 5 caravans and ten tents without the need for planning permission. We decided not to pursue this and instead considered the glamping option as less intrusive.

Planning policy supports diversification, in particular where it helps the economy in rural communities.

I hope the committee understands that the long term viability of the rural economy outweighs access concerns which are not shared by the Councils highway officers.