

From: Richard Beech
Sent: 08 April 2014 10:22
To: David Lowe
Subject: RE: Giggins FOI review

On 14.1.14 the following email was forwarded to me for investigation by Mike Butler :-

From: Jan Giggins [<mailto:jan.giggins@btinternet.com>]
Sent: 14 January 2014 17:13
To: Michael Butler; Planapps
Subject: Site office/container left on the Triangle Field, Hungerford

Dear Mr Butler,

I wonder if there is anything you can do regarding the unsightly storage container (part of Leadbitter's site office) that has been deposited at the entrance to the Triangle Field?

I understand that the container has been left at the request of Hungerford Town Council without first putting in an application for planning permission, thereby denying nearby residents (and passers by) the opportunity to make representations.

I would be very grateful if your enforcement officers could look into the matter.

Many thanks,

Jan Giggins
01488 684504

Following receipt of the above I contacted by phone the Clerk to Hungerford T.C. She [Claire Baines] responded to me and sent the following emails between her and Lydia Mather, Planning Officer:-

"Dear Richard

Please see email below. The container on site falls within the sizes mentioned, is used as part of the sports facility and the land is owned by West Berks Council. Therefore we understand that planning permission is not required as clarified below.

I trust this is in order. I hope this satisfies Mrs Giggins.

Kind regards

Claire Barnes
Town Clerk
Hungerford Town Council
01488 686195

From: Lydia Mather [<mailto:LMather@westberks.gov.uk>]
Sent: 11 April 2013 15:55
To: Claire Barnes
Subject: Sports Pavilion Storage Container

Dear Claire,

My apologies I haven't had an earlier opportunity to advise you on a storage container at the sports pavilion. As discussed yesterday the internal works to provide additional changing rooms would aren't development and therefore don't require planning permission.

With regard to a container in the yard for storage purposes this might need planning permission. There are permitted development rights for local authorities which includes Town Councils where development does not need planning permission. The land the container/building would be on needs to be owned or maintained by the local authority and the container building needs to be used as part of the sports facility. If this is the case with the sports pavilion then the maximum size of the container/building would be 4 metres in height and 200 cubic metre capacity. Anything larger would need planning permission.

If the land is not owned or maintained by the local authority then planning permission would be required.

I hope that helps.

Kind regards
Lydia

Lydia Mather
Planning Officer

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On 15.1.2014 I sent the following email to the complainant :-

Dear Ms. Giggins

I have now investigated your enquiry regarding the above land and the storage container upon the land.

I am now aware that following an enquiry made by Hungerford Town Council in April 2013, it has been determined by the Local Planning Authority that due to its size and capacity the siting of the structure for ancillary purposes does not constitute development requiring planning permission. I will therefore not be pursuing the alleged breach of planning control any further.

Regards

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She responded to me as follows :-

From: Jan Giggins [<mailto:jan.giggins@btinternet.com>]
Sent: 15 January 2014 14:46
To: Richard Beech
Subject: Re: Triangle Field, Hungerford

Dear Mr Beech,

Thank you very much for looking into the matter and for such a quick response.

Jan Giggins
01488 684504