

Comments for Planning Application 25/01406/CLU

Application Summary

Application Number: 25/01406/CLU

Address: Meadow Forge Hillside Barn Cadeleigh Tiverton Devon EX16 8RZ

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to establish the mixed (composite) use of a building as a Blacksmith Forge and for residential purposes, including the use of land outside of the building for the storage of materials, goods, products chattels, scrap, vehicles and waste materials contrary to Conditions 2 and 5 imposed on Planning Permission 09/01587/FULL

Case Officer: Miss Helen Govier

Customer Details

Name: Mr Paul Balsdon

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: We would like to object to the planning application that has been submitted for "Meadow Forge, [REDACTED]". Our main concerns are:

We have lived on the lane next to where the barn is sited and in this area for many decades. We have seen lots of changes with the barn over the years. [REDACTED] purchased the barn and land in 2006, but he has not lived at the property for that whole period of time as it's a commercial property with PP granted for a Blacksmith (sole business with no shop) with standard business hours only. [REDACTED] was commuting there and back for many years, as well as living in various vans/lorries or shepherd huts around the site at various times. The most recent living arrangements have been a "yurt" style unit in his field, as well as periods of time away from the commercial property. Our main concerns over the applicant wanting to live in the barn, firstly, would be the drainage and sewage arrangements. I do not believe there is any human sewage system in place. If [REDACTED] has been residing inside the barn, then how is the sewage and dirty water dealt with? We have also been worried about the fire safety side of things in the barn for many years. The fire brigade has been out on one occasion that we know of. Have they been to assess a residential property or industrial? . If he wishes to live in this barn in the concealed structure he has [REDACTED] built inside, which I cannot imagine complies with any health and safety or building regs; is that safe with all the industrial machinery he now claims to be using? Also is there enough ventilation for these sorts of activities alongside him wanting to reside within the old metal barn in a questionable residential structure.

There is generally a collection of cars/lorries/caravans etc etc, at the front, side and back of the barn in the field. These change frequently , but there are sometimes ones that remain for a while,

probably because they don't run, but also because he has lived in them over various periods of time. We knew something was going on in reference to the council, as a big tidy-up was had! In the early days, when [REDACTED] was commuting, you would often hear him about his blacksmith duties, but not for a long time. If he is actually running a business from there, is he paying taxes and are there accounts to say that there is a business operational from this address?

I urge the council to seriously look into some of these points we have raised, from the safety factor of not just the applicant but of those in surrounding residential properties. Where does the sewage go? Does the commercial property even adhere to current regs and rules and is there business insurance in place? [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. I also feel that granting of this application could open up a big can of worms, allowing others to do the same across Mid Devon and the U.K. as a whole.

I would also like to point out, that we attended our parish meeting, where the planning was discussed and was I objected by everyone that attended.