

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: Miss Rima Staines

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I first met the applicant in 2014 and visited Meadow Forge, which he was operating as a blacksmith's workshop as well as living there in his own self-built adaptations to the building.

He has been keeping alive a heritage craft, which has been in his family many generations, as well as working with vintage vehicles on the site, and working to research sustainable and less impactful ways of living.

This model of ingenious and self-sufficient life and work should be an inspiration to us rather than a challenge, especially in these times of economic and environmental disintegration. Moreover, it would be a shame for the red tape that supports big commercial enterprises over individual working craftspeople ends up contributing to Blacksmithing edging closer to the official Heritage Crafts Association endangered list.

The applicant is a friendly, helpful, intelligent and thoughtful person, trying like all of us to live his life with integrity and simplicity.

Culture at large is made up of and born from the quiet activities of creative individuals, who are by and large struggling to make ends meet, including notably those who choose to live differently. Let us open conversations where we don't understand someone's motives and way of life, instead of fearing our neighbours.