

Planning Update 26 March 2019

Appeal Decision on The Paddock, Micklepage, Nuthurst Street

The Parish is very disappointed to tell you that Greenplan's appeal over the three houses built at this site has been successful. Furthermore, Greenplan has been awarded partial costs against HDC. The Planning Inspector chose certain issues to examine and concluded that; the buildings do not conflict with the "character and appearance" of the area; they do not result in a "harmful loss of privacy"; and that there are "material considerations (that) indicate that the decision should be made other than in accordance with the development plan" (that wanted smaller, more affordable houses for downsizers and young families)

As residents will know, the Parish Council tried very hard to ensure that the houses were built properly but for most of the site's history, HDC refused to take enforcement action and repeatedly recommended approval of retrospective planning applications. This set the scene for Greenplan's success at appeal.

The field behind "Millers Mead and the Public Footpath between The Paddock, Micklepage and "Winthrift", Nuthurst Street

The Parish Council has now seen a copy of the Court Order concerning the Planning Inspectorate's decision to dismiss an appeal for 5 gypsy pitches on the field behind "Millersmead". This Court Order quashes the Inspectorate's decision and requires the Inspectorate to re-determine the appeal because it did not consider the possibility of temporary planning permission. The Parish Council will have an opportunity to make a further representation on the appeal. The Court's decision does NOT affect the public footpath. There remains a requirement on the owners of the field to remove the hard-standing and re-instate the footpath to its previous state.