
UNTIDY SITE AT HALCYON CARAVAN PARK, POOLES LANE, HULLBRIDGE

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider the report of the Head of Planning Services regarding the untidiness of part of the Halcyon Caravan Park site.

2 LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY POWERS

- 2.1 Section 215 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) states:

“If it appears to the local planning authority that the amenity of a part of their area, or of an adjoining area, is adversely affected by the condition of land in their area, they may serve on the owner and occupier of the land a notice under this section.”

3 THE SITE

- 3.1 Halcyon Caravan Park is an attractive well maintained site off Pooles Lane in Hullbridge. The land in question is to the north west corner of the site and is visible from both the nearby properties in the caravan park and also from the public right of way along the sea defences which pass directly to the north of the area in question.
- 3.2 The land has been used to dump hardcore and other waste matter. Despite pursuing the site owner, who assured officers that the untidy nature of this site would be rectified some considerable time ago, the last visit indicated that the amount of waste in this area had been increased.
- 3.3 The site is a designated caravan site within the Rochford District Local Plan. It also lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt, Coast Nature Conservation Zone, the Coastal Protection Belt and a Special Landscape Area. The despoilment of this part of the site is contrary to the aims of the policies associated with the last three of these designations.
- 3.4 Therefore given the prominent location of this site and the impact upon amenity for the park users and the general public, it is considered that this land is an untidy site.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Any action considered necessary through the Courts to remedy the breach.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the Corporate Director (Law, Planning and Administration) be authorised to take all necessary action including the issue of Notices and action in the Courts to secure the remedying of the breach of planning control now reported. (HPS)

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