

Planning decisions December 2022

22/505561/FULL	Warren Lands Lenham Heath Road Sandway Maidstone Kent ME17 2NB	See Appendix A
22/505412/TPOA	10 The Paddocks Lenham Kent ME17 2FD	No Comment
22/505807/SUB	Lenham Court, The Coach House Old Ham Lane Lenham Kent ME17 2LS	No Comment
22/505518/DOM106	Land West Of Loder Close And Westwood Close Ham Lane Lenham Kent	No Comment

Appendix A

22/505561/FULL Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a one bedroom bungalow. Refurbishment of existing hardstanding to enable standing of one static caravan and storage of two touring caravans to be ancillary to the dwelling. Refurbishment of existing access.

Lenham Parish Council objects to this application.

We understand that the land has now been registered by the late Sally Towns estate and is not in the ownership of the applicant who has been served an eviction notice by MBC enforcement.

We do not consider that the Warren lands are suitable for caravans because of the CTRL crossing the site and the number of immediate neighbours on two sides.

We also would point out that the “existing” dwelling is in fact a derelict caravan not lived in for at least 4 years and not a dwelling structure.

The Parish Council understands that evidence has to be provided that on the balance of probability the caravan is being lived in and has been for the past four years.

The original mobile home was occupied by the late Sally Towns from around 1992 until she moved into care around 2016. Since that point the caravan has been vacant and uninhabitable having fallen into a state of disrepair. The statement from the applicant that it has been occupied by them is untrue, they inhabited the site, in a new mobile home from around July of this year See photos.

The accompanying pictures show the current dilapidation of the original mobile home and outbuildings as well as the siting of a new mobile home by the applicant. It is clear that they are not using the original mobile, as it is not habitable and has not been since Ms Town vacated it in 2016, but have brought a new mobile on-site and are using that.



This set of images which were taken in September 2020 show the derelict site, the original and uninhabitable caravan and the new mobile home which was brought on site.

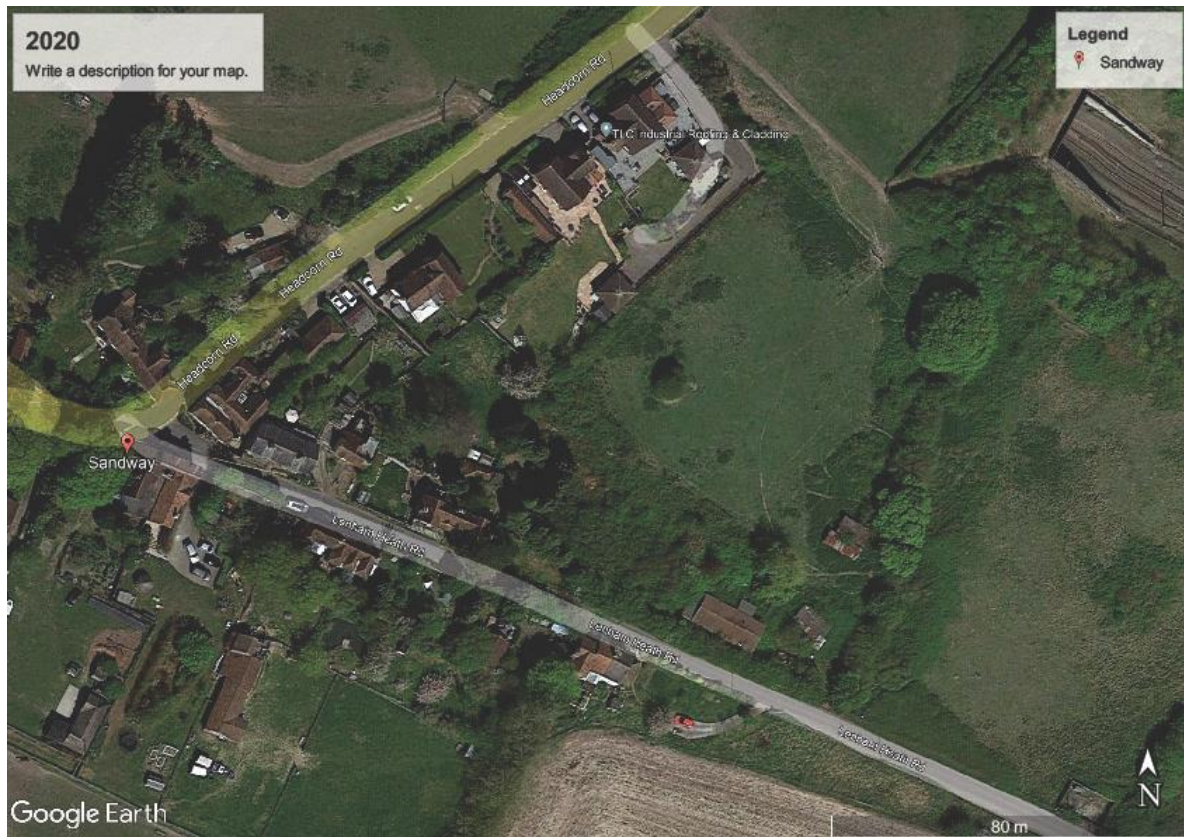
While the parish council is sending this report, containing these historical images, to the Inspectorate, it respectfully suggests that, rather than having written submissions, this should be dealt with at a hearing to allow the evidence presented to be tested in public.



Also enclosed below are timed google earth snapshots showing the site occupation / non occupation over time.

The caravan is in the bottom left hand corner behind the houses bordering the Lenham Heath Road

Picture 1 Google view of the site 2020 – caravan unoccupied with no pathways leading to it.



Picture 2 Google view 2020 enlarged – no pathways with a tree growing between the caravan and shed



Picture 3 Google view 2018 – caravan unoccupied no pathways leading to the caravan



Google view 2015 – Caravan sited with signs of occupation with bare earth pathways leading from the caravan.



Google view 2011 – site still occupied by the late Sally Town and her family.

