

12 October 2023

Officer	RC Rob Cramp
Action	OSV Site Visit
Target	
Completed	12-10-23

I visited the site on 12 October 2023 at which time I observed a digger engaged in clearing the land. Cleared material, including gates, posts, the remains of a caravan and vegetation was being deposited on fire towards the front of the site.

I entered the site and caught the attention of a man operating the digger, who appeared to be the only person on the site at the time of my visit. I identified myself and informed the man that I was there to investigate reports of alleged development taking place on the site.

The man identified himself as Darren Smith the owner of the site. He informed me that he was just clearing the land. Once the land was cleared he intended to sow it with grass seed, replace the existing gates and refence it with post and rail fencing.

I informed Mr Smith that I had visited the site many years earlier and had served the then own with an enforcement notice to require the use of the site for the stationing of a caravan for residential use to cease. He pointed to the chassis of a caravan next to the fire.

He referred to the planning permission for the conversion of the existing barn and stables to a dwelling and confirmed that it was his intention implement that permission and live on the site, though he did mention that the approved scheme was for a one bedroom dwelling only.

As there was no evidence of any breach of planning control, I left the site.

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