

Officer

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Action

OSV Site Visit

Target

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As i approached the site a young man asked if i was there to see Darren. I asked if he was around and he said he would go and get him. I walked onto the site just behind the worker and there were approx 6 other workers taking a break near the entrance. Darren identified himself and i explained that i was there due to complaints around hedge clearance etc. I explained i hadn't been to the site before and he offered to show me around and explain the works taking place. He was very polite the whole time and said he had no problem with us visiting and taking pictures etc if needed. He said that 'us people' had got it wrong that he has any connection to the gypsies around the area and that the site was just for him and his family to live once the barn was converted. I said that i had just been to a site previously in Moreton and asked to see the owner Darren but he wasn't around. He said that isn't him and he doesn't know the site i am referring to.

The stables are still intact and he said he was aware he had 3 years to implement the permission from 2022. He also said he's aware it can't be knocked down and only converted. No works had taken place to them at the time of my visit.

The area of land to the west of the stables and towards the entrance of the site had been dug up and the top layer of soil/rubble removed. Darren said they are intending on putting topsoil down and then sowing grass seed. The excavated rubble/soil was in a pile to the east of the stable building.

Some close board fencing had been erected along some of the front boundary (behind the boundary hedge) and down the middle of the site. Darren said that his intention was to add post and rail fence from the close board fence up to the tree that seperats the land boundaries and along the back towards the east of the stable building. There was some post and rail fencing along the front boundary (behind the hedge). No hedge had been removed on the front boundary but Darren said they were intending to cut it back/trim it down so that it was the same height as the neighbours hedge. They are also going to put up a timber entrance gate but the width would remain the same.

I asked Darren about the land ownership and said that i had done a land reg search but his name wasn't shown. I said he should probably contact land reg to query this. He said he only did it about 2 weeks ago but he was now the owner. He said the previous owners had been meeting him on site and had been in contact with him about the works taking place.

As i left i took Darren's number and he reiterated again that he was happy for any of us to visit and see what's happening on site at any point. I explained i would pass the photos on to Rob who was dealing with the site and he would get in touch.