Appeals APP/Q3115/W/24/3346849 and APP/Q3115/C/24/3346856

Having earlier submitted residents anonymised comments on the appeals for Emmanuel Ranch, Windmill Road, Towersey OX9 3QQ I have just received one extra which I enclose below.

Tim Shreeve Chair, Towersey Parish Council

COMMENT

Due to the intimidation of myself and other members of our village community, I'm grateful of this opportunity of anonymity

Notwithstanding the blatant disregard for the High Court Injunction currently in place, I want to emphasise to SODC the significant issues, ongoing problems, damage to property and long-term biodiversity damage that will be inflicted on the adjoining six acres along the North and Easten boarders and that they will only worsen unless the site is restored to its original condition.

The peaceful six-acre meadow was once a tranquil, quintessential English landscape, bordered by thick, mature hedgerows on all sides, with established trees and a magnificent willow at its centre, topped only once a year, the field was a haven for biodiversity, regularly visited by a hunting barn owl and teeming with wildlife. Tragically, some 190 meters of the hedgerows have now been stripped out, only to be replaced with creosoted high-panel or post-and-rail fencing (and in the wrong location according to land registry documents) Since the onset of all illegal activities, the meadow has been subjected billowing black smoke from regular fires with the burning building materials, incessant barking of dogs to the early hours, the flygrazing of several horses, and now the erection of electric fencing, all without any consent or consultation. The once-thriving biodiversity has been shattered and never be fully appreciated how much damage done as no studies were allowed to be taken prior to this lawlessness

Most recently, the arrival of some 100 HGV lorries carrying hardcore and road scrapings to the site on July 13th has further intensified concerns of what will happen to all the surface water of this 1 acre of hardstanding. The lie of the land means it will flow onto and across this already waterlogged six acres during the winter months. This development threatens to overwhelm the drainage ditch, placing additional strain on the village of Towersey, which has already experienced flooding in 2024 during extreme weather conditions. I strongly urge SODC to reject both appeals and dismiss them entirely. The refusal of application P24/S0941/FUL is well-founded, with a comprehensive list of policy breaches and supporting reasons detailed in the refusal notice and officers' report. The enforcement notice is fully justified, as is the requirement to restore the site to its original condition.

I thank you once again for your consideration