

Summary of Retrospective Applications posted in Ugg Mere Court Road on 19 February 2026

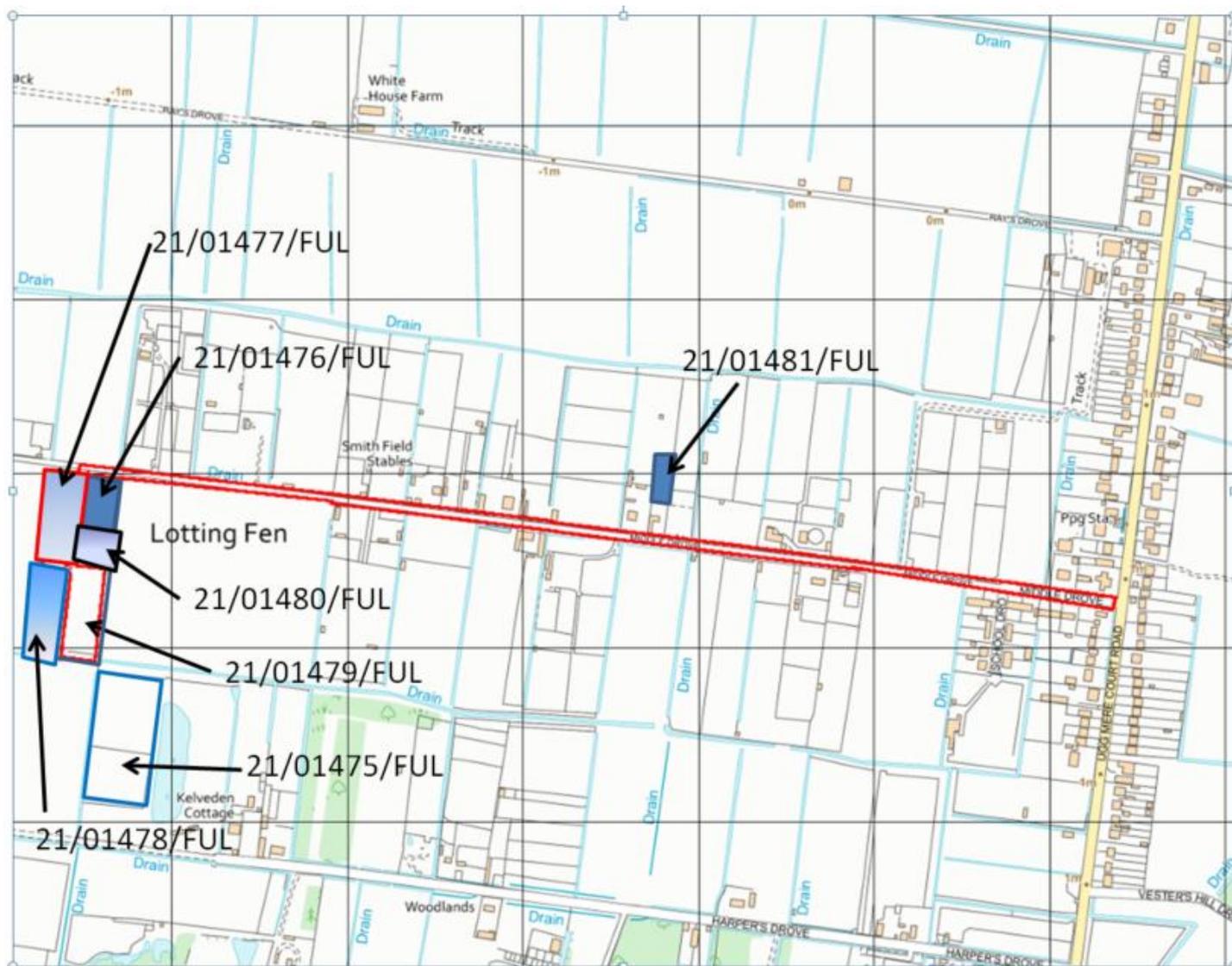
Retrospective Planning Applications 21/01476/FUL through to 21/01481/FUL & 01475/FUL comprise in principle, two sites and describe an expansion (if granted) of a total of 21 Static homes and 21 Touring caravans which if each occupied by a conservative 4 people, equates to an additional 168 people and an estimated 63 vehicles (2 vehicles per static home and 1 vehicle per touring caravan.

The application 21/01476/FUL describes a single encompassing area requesting 2 additional static homes and 2 additional Touring Caravans, However, this area is then sub divided into 5 separate plots totalling an expansion that does not equate with the primary application described in 21/01476/FUL. This may lead to confusion and should be clarified.

The separate application 21/01481/FUL describes a significant ground gain northwards into the fen encroaching into the Ramsey Heights vista as do the other applications.

All 6 retrospective applications are submitted by what appears to be three applicants, some of whom are related (by Surname) and all were submitted at the same time (27 June 2021) under the same Agent (Mr Carruthers).

The location of the applications are shown below and summarised in the table





Harpers Drove site is not shown here.
It's off the map

REF	Application Received	Proposal	Applicant Name	Agent	Comment	No of Static Caravans	No of Touring Caravans
21/01476/FUL	27 Jun 2021	Retrospective change of use of land to one Gypsy / Traveller Pitch with two residential static caravans and two touring caravans, establishment of access and formation of hardstanding (temporary or permanent) for extended Gypsy / Traveller family.	Mr Smith	Mr Stuart Carruthers	Boundary specified in application appears to encompass the TOTAL area between Middle and the drain running parallel to middle drove capturing applications Ref 77 thru to 80	2	2
21/01477/FUL	27 Jun 2021	Retrospective change of use of land to one Gypsy / Traveller Pitch with five residential static caravans and five touring caravans, establishment of access and change of use of existing hardstanding for occupation by the applicants and their family.	Mr Smith	Mr Stuart Carruthers		5	5
21/01478/FUL	27 Jun 2021	Retrospective change of use of land to one Gypsy / Traveller pitch with five residential static caravans and five touring caravans, establishment of access and use of hardstanding for occupation by the applicants and their family.	Mr Davis	Mr Stuart Carruthers		5	5
21/01479/FUL	27 Jun 2021	Retrospective change of use of land to one Gypsy / Traveller pitch with five residential static caravans, and five touring caravans, establishment of access and use of hardstanding for occupation by the applicants and their family (temporary or permanent).	Ms Holmes	Mr Stuart Carruthers		5	5
21/01480/FUL	27 Jun 2021	Retrospective change of use of land to one Gypsy / Traveller pitch with two residential static caravans and two touring caravans (temporary or permanent), development of day room, establishment of access and use of existing hardstanding for occupation by the applicants and their family.	Ms Holmes	Mr Stuart Carruthers		2	2
21/01481/FUL	27 Jun 2021	Restrospective development of day room and standing of two additional residential static caravans and two touring caravans on land granted planning consent in 2015 (Ref: 14/00997/FUL).	Ms Smith	Mr Stuart Carruthers		2	2
21/01475/FUL	27 Jun 2021	Retrospective change of use of land to one Gypsy / Traveller pitch with day room, two residential static caravans and a touring caravan (temporary or permanent), establishment of additional access and use of existing hardstanding for residential occupation by the applicants and their family.	Ms Crump	Mr Stuart Carruthers		2	1
TOTAL						21 (23)	21 (22)

[REDACTED]

The Middle Drove traveller site (s) / area has already expanded significantly beyond that which was granted planning permission originally and the Authority has already met its commitment to accommodate Traveller Needs. The settlement, much of which is in breach of planning has become dominant in Ramsey Heights and impacts residents enjoyment of the area and of their own properties.

It is documented and a widely reported fact that the Middle Drove area is being abused for criminal activity adversely affecting the quality of life, desirability and enjoyment of what was only 5 years ago a tranquil and desirable place to live.

Retrospective Planning applications are being adopted as a deliberate strategy to circumnavigate the planning process, the law, common decency and respect for the local community. Potential objectors are intimidated by fear of reprisal if they object as their name is then public [REDACTED]

It is estimated that the Traveller community is now approximately ten times larger than that for which planning permission was originally granted in 2014 /15 and is now in excess of 300 people.

These specific 7 retrospective applications represent a conservatively estimated additional 168 people and 63 additional vehicles. Further, it is evident that these plots are already being advertised for rent (Face book adverts observed) suggesting that this is simply a business opportunity and not necessarily for the purpose of traveller accommodation.

A quick look at google maps although not fully up to date, illustrates the scale of the settlement and the dominant impact on the locality.

Please, enough is enough. Specific objections relate to:

- The expansion results in a level of urbanisation which is detrimental to the openness of the countryside and is indeed now dominant to Ramsey Heights. The "Tipping Point "has been exceeded.
- The applications in general do not specify that the accommodation is required for travellers
- The applications make no reference to provision of infrastructure, services or drainage.
- The scale , Location and appearance of the development is now increasing in visual prominence and fails to be compatible with the rural location or to enhance the character of the landscape. (This is seen when approaching Ramsey Heights from either direction and from the end of Chapel Lane.
- The Environment Agency has already set out concern, as has the middle level drainage authority in relation to the issue of raw human sewage directly into the watercourse albeit via multiple cess pits..
- The expansion occupies a low lying area and goes against the site specific Flood Risk Assessment
- The unchecked expansion is attracting observed and widely reported criminal activity. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- The extensiveness and increased visibility of the expansion is adversely impacting local resident's enjoyment of their own homes, gardens and local environment.
- The desirability of the area is being eroded, impacting saleability of properties and indeed, their value.

In summary please will the council enforce Planning law uniformly and without distinction .After all we are all neighbours and should be treated equally.