

Reference: For DMC Meeting 16 Mar 2026 - Retrospective planning applications 21/01476/FUL through to 21/01481/FUL & 01475/FUL

I believe that the legality of the vote the council is about to hold in respect of seven retrospective applications for traveller sites in Ramsey Heights is both legally unsound and undemocratic and as such urge and request you to either postpone the agenda points from the scheduled DMC meeting on the 16th March 2026 or to reject the applications outright.

The council has made its considerations on the un verified default premise that the applicants are all travellers and that the accommodation is in fact for travellers AND this is NOT true in all cases. [REDACTED]

There have been adverts for renting on Facebook, (now removed) suggesting that some (or all??) of these retrospective applications are in fact simply and blatantly being used as business ventures to earn money, with the council being culpable in terms of facilitation of such a strategy.

[REDACTED] **What about the rights of the Ramsey Heights residents** who are suffering a blight in their environment and overwhelming expansion and degradation of the area through significant increase in traffic, environmental pollution, noise and drug and theft crime as well as adverse impact on area desirability , property price and saleability.

The council was first notified of much of this development activity in 2022 with specific notifications of planning breach and multiple complaints being held on record but failed to act promptly thereby missing the opportunity to stop this before it became the issue that it is today.

The council is at risk of failing in its civic duty to deliver its statutory obligation and commitment to its council tax payers whom it represents. Must the next stage of action really be to raise formal complaint in order to facilitate referral to the Government Ombudsman? Surely this is not necessary

Please, enough is enough. Specific objections relate to:

- Such blatant retrospective strategies are un democratic [REDACTED]
- 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 have increased in visual prominence and fails to be compatible with the rural location or to enhance the character of the landscape. (This is seen from Ugg Mere Court Road & 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 which are not environmentally permissible due to high water table)
- The expansion occupies a low lying area and goes against the site specific Flood Risk Assessment
- [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.
- These retrospective applications were unanimously rejected by Ramsey Town Council

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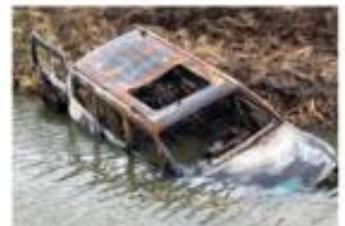


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