

Stefan Galyas

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 June 2025 18:56
To: Stefan Galyas
Subject: Planning Application Number DM/25/1328 for a Certificate of Lawful Existing use in respect of the continued use of land as a recreational cross-country driving course for 4-wheel drive vehicles on Land South of Shepherds, Colwood Lane, Bolney, Haywards...

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Dear Mr Galyas

I am writing to provide comments on the above planning application and in particular the evidence submitted that the cross country driving course has been in use for more than 28 days a year during the last 10 years.

I have lived on Jeremy's Lane, adjacent to Colwood Lane, for 30 years before moving to my current address on Colwood Lane some 5 years ago. My home lies 200 yds from the entrance to the land referred to above and between the land and its owner. I am therefore extremely well placed to monitor 4x4 activity taking place on the land.

I affirm that the land is used for 4x4 events, usually on the first Sunday of the month (but not every month of the year) as specified in his website. This has been the situation since the current owner purchased the land. Recently (ie during the last 2-3 years) the owner has also invited a 4x4 club to camp overnight on the land over a 2-day weekend once or twice a year. In summary, the total number of days on which events take place is usually around 12 days an year and I affirm that this has never exceeded 15 days in any of the last 10 years.

The reason I can be so specific about the dates is the because of the level of disruption that occurs on event days - in particular the noise made by the off road vehicles, the disruption on the narrow country lanes as large trucks, often travelling in convoy, transporting their specialised vehicles, the owner driving his digger or tractor past my house from his home to the events, and the dirt left on the road afterwards. This disruption affects the local residents in terms of curtailing horse riding, dog walking, jogging, cycling and driving anywhere on our local minor roads on event days. So the days on which the events and disruption take place are always noticed.

I would like you to take this into consideration in reaching your decision.

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