

Katherine Williams

From: Jake Lovelock [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 May 2025 14:18
To: Katherine Williams
Subject: Re: DM/25/0469 - Honeywood (Formerly Known As Hanger Wood) Foxhole Lane, Bolney

Dear Katherine

Thank you for your further email.

Having looked at your comments below, plus the parish council view and where we find ourselves with this application, I write to confirm that I will formally withdraw this application and thank you however for the extension of time offer. Please let me know if I need to do any other actions on this matter.

Meanwhile I will book a pre application conversation as you suggest. So that we can start a fresh and I am grateful for your attention on this matter.

Kind regards

Jacob

Sent from my iPhone

On 23 May 2025, at 17:32, Katherine Williams <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Jacob,

Following on from my previous email can you confirm whether you intend to provide further information for the above application?

Should no confirmation be received by the end of next week the application will be determined as it stands and will be refused.

To allow the application to remain in time I would like to request an extension of time now to 6th June, please let me know if this is acceptable.

Kind Regards

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From: Katherine Williams <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>

Sent: 06 May 2025 16:50

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: DM/25/0469 - Honeywood (Formerly Known As Hanger Wood) Foxhole Lane, Bolney

Dear Jacob,

Thank you for your email and my apologies for the delay in my response.

The existing dwelling at the property was granted planning permission under application reference BK/048/99, and was only considered acceptable as the dwelling would be used by an agricultural worker and was secured via a legal agreement including covenants for the dwelling be occupied only by persons solely/ mainly working locally in agriculture or forestry and also tied to the surrounding land.

In order for the removal of the legal agreement to be considered acceptable it would need to be demonstrated, beyond doubt, that there is no agricultural need for the agricultural workers dwelling within the locality. This information would need to be detailed and include marketing of the property for sale and/or rent as an agricultural dwelling to establish the continued need within the locality. The property would need to be marketed for a suitable period of time (6-12 months) at a reasonable price and a detailed report provided of how the property was advertised and any interest received. In terms of the tie of the land to the dwelling significant justification for this would also need to be provided.

I also note the planning history of the property and that this request for further information was also made under the previous application which was withdrawn (DM/19/3629).

The current type of application is the only way to remove the legal agreement on the land, however it currently cannot be supported. Should you wish to seek separate planning advice for future development on the land and its acceptability this would need to be submitted as a pre-application, which is chargeable advice. Information on this can be found through the following link:

[Planning Pre-application Advice - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

To allow time for yourselves to consider how you wish to proceed with the application I would like to suggest an extension of time to 30th May, please let me know if this is acceptable.

Kind Regards

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From: Jake Lovelock [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 April 2025 16:23

To: Katherine Williams <Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: DM/25/0469 - Honeywood (Formerly Known As Hanger Wood) Foxhole Lane, Bolney

Dear Katherine

Thank you for your email and your helpful approach so far.

I have called you back after receiving your email last Thursday and am happy to chat. I have left you a phone message.

I write with some context as requested.

This is an inheritance from our parents as you can see via my application. Neither my sister and I are farmers and as you can see from the site visit-it is currently not being farmed and I am very mindful of the history from my parents time there and we also mindful of the current planning conditions which are not being adhered too and we both believe that this should therefore now be addressed.

Given the wider farming situation-it's clear this size of restricted agricultural site is long term untenable. If you believe we should be look for a change of building use application or change of conditions instead I'd be interested in your thoughts as to what and why.

If this is requested - I would be happy to listen and for any application timing to re-start or it be re advertised.

You have asked about my wider plans for the land and I will be frank and open with you - they are roundly uncertain and so far undefined.

Our mother was the person who previously put forward the land for wider considerations as she was mindful of more village homes being required in particular smaller ones. She came from a difficult background and always thought of others.

Of course, I am aware there is other and significant potential development in the village as close as across the lane it would seem. However this has not materialised as yet. We know no more than that.

I am therefore frankly at a loss about what is best given the restrictions and the conditions. I have seen the parish council comments which are disappointing if not unexpected.

If you believe it would be better to withdraw the current application to avoid a refusal at this stage then I am happy to do this. However, this along with clear guidance on what next, would be helpful insight and highly preferable.

I am open to your thoughts on what next and if we could look at something else. IE some kind of rural housing exception site on the buildings footplate, adapt the house and look at 2/3 bed starter homes or indeed offer a self build site as potential options. Given the reported smaller housing need I feel it would make longer term sense to look at something useful to the village given the already existing buildings footprint at the top of the property.

As it's clear this is not able to be farmed under my ownership and I am keen we don't lose long term control of our land and am conscious of the inheritance and importance of full ownership rights.

Of course, I have been approached by various developers who we are not keen to work with for the above reasons. I work in the ground works sector and had my family wanted to do this after

the death of my parents we could have taken this route very easily and as you can tell by this note I am and we are taking a fully considered approach.

I hope this is helpful and I look forward to hearing your thoughts and insights on to what would be welcomed by MSDC and hopefully the parish.

So I can talk to my family on what we should be considering beyond the current approach which I was advised was a crucial starting point - so we can fully appraise all our options and be as helpful to the community as possible.

With kind regards

Jacob

Jacob Lovelock

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 24 Apr 2025, at 10:06, Katherine Williams
<Katherine.Williams@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Lovelock,

I am writing with regards to the above application.

Comments have been received from the Council's Agricultural Consultant, however they consider that there is currently a lack of evidence submitted to support the application.

The consultant notes that under the original application a portion of land and one of the covenants states that the land and the property with the agricultural tie cannot be sold off separately, therefore significant justification would be needed to allow this to be lifted.

They also have the following questions:

1. Has the applicant tried to sell it with an agricultural tie on? With or without the land?
2. Is the applicant just trying to get an uplift in value by getting the tie removed before selling it?

Due to the above it is considered that the application as it stands cannot be supported, please let me know if you wish to submitted further information to address the above?

Alternatively the application can be withdrawn in order to avoid its refusal.

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