

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 30 MAY 2013
 title: EDISFORD BRIDGE FARM CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITE, CLITHEROE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider an application to revise an existing site licence.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – }
 - Corporate Priorities – }
 - Other Considerations – }
- The Council aims to be a well-managed Council; the licensing system supports this objective.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In October 2005, planning permission was granted to form a touring caravan site at Edisford Bridge Farm, comprising of 20 hard-standings.
- 2.2 The current site licence, issued to A and J Knowles on 18 February 2008, reflects the above planning consent and stipulates that the site must only be used for touring caravans and tents between 7 March and the following 6 January.
- 2.3 A further planning approval was granted in December 2010, extending the area of the site and permitting an increase in the number of touring pitches to 30.
- 2.4 The adjoining field to the west of the site is used intermittently by both The Caravan Club and The Caravan and Camping Club as a rally field.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 Under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, each local authority is responsible for the granting of site licenses which must be issued after planning permission has been obtained. Once granted, there is no requirement for the renewal of the licence.
- 3.2 Local authorities' means of control then lies in the conditions that are attached to the licence. Examples of these conditions include spacing between hard-standings, minimum road widths, sanitary provisions etc.
- 3.3 On 6 November 2007, this Council's Community Committee agree to adopt the national template of model standards, modified as necessary to reflect local conditions, to be attached to caravan site licenses.

3.4 On 2 August 2012, Health and Housing Committee agreed that any future changes to existing caravan site licenses shall be reported as information items.

3.5 The site has recently been inspected by the Council's Environmental Health Officer, Matthew Riding, in order to ensure compliance with the model standards.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – No implications identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – The Council has a duty to issue an appropriate licence within two months of an application being received.
- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – No implications identified.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 Note the intention to issue an amended site licence to A and J Knowles in the terms set out in 2.2 and 2.3.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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