

**Email Correspondence with NSC and BPC**  
**on the destruction of the Site & Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI)**  
**land south of Purn Caravan Park**

**Date: 20 October 2017**

NSC Grant development on the green field site and SNCI  
See BOB Blog [https://www.bleadon.org.uk/beinvolved.html?post\\_id=26804](https://www.bleadon.org.uk/beinvolved.html?post_id=26804)

**NSC Delegate Report Site History**

<http://wam.n-somerset.gov.uk/MULTIWAM/doc/Delegated%20Report-2656338.pdf?extension=.pdf&id=2656338&appid=1001&location=VOLUME5&contentType=application/pdf&pageCount=1&sid=>

*"The application site and the land to its east comprise large open fields. The application site is, according to the application forms, used a camping site. There is however no evidence in terms of information from previous planning applications or aerial photographs for example to show that the land has permission to be used as a camping site. During my site visit there were 5 or 6 portable timber camping pods and tents in the northern edge of the application site. The lawful planning use of the site is considered to be agricultural.*

*In the south-west corner of the adjoining field to the east is a large pond. According to the applicant, this area comprised a pond for many years and was formerly surrounded by vegetation including trees. The applicant said that flooding of the pond caused by high 'penned' water levels on the adjoining River Axe, resulted in marsh-like ground conditions, which caused the trees to deteriorate. The applicant removed the trees and renovated the pond. This work was subject to investigation from planning enforcement, but it was deemed not to require planning permission."*

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**Sent: 10 September 2017 20:54**

From: Bleadon BOB Community Website [bleadon@live.co.uk](mailto:bleadon@live.co.uk)  
To: Bleadon Parish Clerk  
Cc: Cllr Chinn; Cllr Strong; Cllr Dobson; Cllr Hartree  
Subject: Matters Arising from September Agenda & August Minutes

Dear Maria,

(Extract Below .....

298.4.ii ... Thank you also on the update on the Enforcement issue on the caravan site but clarification as to the disappearance of the SNCI doesn't seem to have been given? In the interest of openness and transparency please can you publish/send us a response so that we may be aware of whether or not Bleadon's other SNCI's may disappear in the same manner?

Kind regards,

Chris Butler & Jo Gower-Crane

[NB no response has been received or publicly published to date 22 October 2017]

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**Date: 07 August 2017**

Bleadon BOB/residents submit an objection to the development including the disappearance of the SNCI issue. Nothing seems to have been followed up by BPC or NSC.

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**Date: 16 June 2017**

Developer submits full planning application to NSC for 90no. units, later reduced to 40no. units.  
<http://wam.n-somerset.gov.uk/MULTIWAM/showCaseFile.do;jsessionid=585384A04F3A6D7048BC6D2B9FBC14D3?action=show&appType=Planning&appNumber=17/P/1502/F>

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**Sent: 20 November 2016 15:58**

From: Cllr Chinn  
To: Bleadon BOB Community Website  
Subject: Re: Fw: CAS-1266604-5L2Z - Purn Holiday Park

Chris

Thanks for including me in the message.

I have passed on some additional information but as yet there is no formal message back from NSC. However, I think that getting a request from someone else other than me, might give more weight. Well done

Dave

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**Sent: 18 November 2016 17:51**

From: Bleadon BOB Community Website <bleadon@live.co.uk>  
To: Gareth.Withers@n-somerset.gov.uk; Chris.Nolan@n-somerset.gov.uk  
Cc: Adam.Wood@n-somerset.gov.uk; Sophie.Cox@n-somerset.gov.uk; Cllr Chinn  
Subject: Fw: CAS-1266604-5L2Z - Purn Holiday Park

Dear NSC,

Following a visit to see Ad Axium (the old Roman Port) and the Withy Beds (all now lost), I wonder whether there has been any progress/update as the reference (2016/0424) I was given seems not to be on <http://wam.n-somerset.gov.uk/MULTIWAM/searchsubmit/performOption.do?action=search&appType=enforcement>

I have attached some photos taken on Monday 14 November, that suggests landfill disposal may also occur. There is perhaps also some intended holiday park expansion as the rhyne has been culverted, and land leveled for surfacing, in addition to the waterside excavations and River Axe bank modifications along the public footpath.

Kind regards,

Chris Butler

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**Sent: 22 September 2016 03:54**

From: Cllr Chinn  
To: Bleadon BOB Community Website  
Cc: Bleadon Parish Council Clerk; Cllr Gutsell  
Subject: Re: Planning

Thanks very much Chris.  
Dave

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**Sent: September 2016**, at 19:17,  
From: Bleadon BOB Community Website <bleadon@live.co.uk> wrote:  
To: Cllr Chinn

Hi Dave,

Many thanks for your further update. I've now created a Blog here [http://www.bleadon.org.uk/beinvolved.html?part\\_id=160604&post\\_id=24435&action=view\\_comments](http://www.bleadon.org.uk/beinvolved.html?part_id=160604&post_id=24435&action=view_comments)

For clarity, my previous comment to you regarding the holiday park home 'pitches' and residents was just curiosity over how NSC monitored site compliance of the planning constraints on this large local business as I had noted that new pitches had been created recently. My understanding is that there is a limit on volume and residential time for many reasons including taxation. If/when NSC answer at least we may all now get to understand a little better, so please keep us posted.

I am currently still unsure whether anything 'illegal' or untoward has actually occurred with the earth moving works being carried out or if it is permitted 'development', so, ultimately it may be irrelevant to the public, albeit the work may not currently

be pleasing to the public eye. It could simply be drainage maintenance and renovation as seems to have been carried out along the A370 previously. It'll be interesting to hear what North Somerset reply.

In my opinion, visually it is certainly no worse than the mounds of soil and debris that have been dumped over time and left for the supposed creation of the agricultural lakes/weston wake park site nearby, just stand on Purn Hill to see their site works on the Bleadon Levels. This has also greatly disturbed this area of archaeological and natural wildlife interest but that at least did have a planning application and subsequent permission. [http://www.bleadon.org.uk/beinvolved.html?part\\_id=160604&post\\_id=17903&action=view\\_comments](http://www.bleadon.org.uk/beinvolved.html?part_id=160604&post_id=17903&action=view_comments)

Kind regards,

Chris Butler  
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**Sent: 17 September 2016 05:36**

From: Cllr Chinn  
To: Bleadon BOB Community Website; Bleadon Parish Council Clerk; Cllr Gutsell  
Subject: Planning

Chris

I have received formal notification that NSC are investigating the unauthorised earthworks SE of the caravan park. The reference is case number 2016/0424.

I have asked for their view on your questions regarding expansion and numbers of caravans permitted at Purn Caravan site.

Contractors plant is displaying JPope a company from Highbridge. This has also been passed to NSC.

Thank you for mentioning about work opposite Escape hairstylist on A370 and subsequent research to determine that a new substation is being put in. That puts minds at rest.

I hope you have sufficient information for community comment for BOB alert?

Dave

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**Sent: 16 September 2016 00:55**

From: Cllr Chinn  
To: Bleadon BOB Community Website  
Subject: Fwd: CAS-1266604-5L2Z - Purn Holiday Park

Chris

This map sent to me by NSC might help you identify the spot.

Dave

[NB green and white map with SNCI circled in red, as published 21 Sept 2016 on the original BOB Blog  
[https://www.bleadon.org.uk/beinvolved?post\\_id=24435](https://www.bleadon.org.uk/beinvolved?post_id=24435) ]

----- Original Message -----

**Sent: Wednesday, 14 September 2016 08:40**

From: Gareth Withers [Gareth.Withers@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Gareth.Withers@n-somerset.gov.uk)  
To: Chris Nolan <[Chris.Nolan@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Chris.Nolan@n-somerset.gov.uk)>  
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Subject: CAS-1266604-5L2Z - Purn Holiday Park

Chris [NB email addressed to Chris Nolan at NSC]

I have had this report from David that there is quite a bit of earth moving in this area is outside the Holiday Parks Planning

consent as marked on the attached map.

The Confirm report says; "Details: South east of Purn Holiday park by the boat yard on Bleadon river, where it's overgrown for nature haven for wildlife there are some earth moving diggers that look like they are filling that area in, looks like they will be finished in a couple"

I have advised Mr Chinn that he needs to contact the Police on 101 and report it as a Wildlife Crime is there anything you can pursue through planning enforcement?

Regards

Gareth

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Principal Green Spaces Officer  
Development & Environment  
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