

REPORT TO BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL 30th June 2025

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

**Aylesford North and North Downs Ward
Councillors Dave Davis, Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton**

GENERAL

1. This has been as quiet month month for us there is little new to report.

APPEAL DECISION : THE PADDOCK, ROCHESTER ROAD, BURHAM

2. Attached is a copy of the Planning Inspector's decision for this appeal, which was dismissed insofar as it related to the erection of an ancillary amenity building. It was allowed insofar as it related to the change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for one Gypsy family with two caravans, including no more than one static caravan/mobile home together with laying of hardstanding at Kooland.

3. Critically the permitted development, in all its detail, is only for a period of three years or when the applicant vacates the land, whichever is shorter. It is not in not in perpetuity. Paragraphs 45 to 60 of the Appeal notice gives the detailed reasoning for this.

LOCAL PLAN – UPDATE

4. There have been no further updates since our last report.

DEVOLUTION

5. There has been no further update on devolution since last time

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN PROGRESS

6. There has been no change in any of the Enforcement action we have been reporting to you.

7. **Nursery Rochester Road Aylesford (25/00039)** You will recall that enforcement action was about to restart after the applicant lost an appeal against that enforcement. Almost immediately the owner submitted another application. This will delay enforcement action. Dave Davis and Roger Dalton had a meeting with both the case officer and the enforcement officer who are now working together on this issue. As of now this is still under consideration by the case officer and when decided will pass to the enforcement officer.

8. **Land Rear of Mackenders Lane Eccles Aylesford Kent** There is a farm building that has been largely built. It is a building for farm use such as storing farm machinery. This building is permitted development.

9. There is also a caravan on site that is been occupied during the period of construction of the permanent building above which is permitted during that construction. A meeting has been held with the owner and TMBC Enforcement Officers and there is still work going on the approved building. As such continued use of the caravan is lawful until that work stops.

10. **Land On Former Scout Camp Warren Road** . There is no change on this which is in the hands of the over stretched court system awaiting further prosecution.

11. **Common Road Blue Bell Hill.** All quiet no action to report.