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Re: 96/00413/PR15 - Marston Moor Airfield

Dear Mr Gill,

Since my mail to you of 18/6/10, and a partial reply by Mr Richards 2/7/10, I have heard nothing from you regarding my request for you to be more specific about which answers to the questions on the PCN require supporting by evidence.

I presume that questions about the current use are already supported, as you say in the notice "*It appears to the Council of the Borough of Harrogate ... that there may have been breaches of planning control ...*", and presumably the complainant will have provided evidence about this.

I note that no evidence from the complainants has been published on your website.

I have done an initial trawl through Mr Moore's archives to produce a bundle of evidence that I think demonstrates the historic uses of the site. It is not complete, but I offer it now to show that we are not uncooperative. I hope that, when you have perused it, we can reach some sort of 'statement of common ground', and focus on the areas where further evidence is needed. I propose that we sit down together and agree which questions have been adequately answered and evidenced, and which need more attention.

Note that this has revealed some errors in the answers to the questions, addressed below.

(a)5 Wray's Coaches was wrongly transcribed as 'Race' Coaches

(a)6 a rental agreement for coach parking is Evidence 13

(n)5 a rental agreement for vehicle maintenance is Evidence 14

(a)3, 5 Tockwith Travel, at the site address, was a user both more and less than 10 years ago

The evidence I provide requires commentary, as follows;

Evidence 1: A newspaper article, 6/3/1987, reporting on the use on the site for testing.

Relevance: (m)1, (m)4

Evidence 2: A brochure from the Association of Karting Schools listing the site as a currently approved driving school. More information is available at <http://www.arks.co.uk/>

Relevance: (f)3, (f)5, (f)7,

Evidence 3: An article from the York Evening Press referring to kart racing, in aid of the local primary school, and indicating support throughout the village. Unfortunately this is undated, but obviously more than 10 years old, as Nigel Moore, pictured, is now 19 years old. The exact date could be found if necessary.

Relevance: (f)3, (f)5, (f)7

Evidence 4: Newspaper article, 15/6/01, indicating the continued use of the site for racing car training. This follows on from the Formula Ford activities and has lately been superseded by Ginetta racing. All these activities are essentially identical.

Relevance: (h)2, (h)3, (h)5, (h)7, (h)9

Evidence 5: Newspaper article, 29/10/93, listing activities taking place at the site.

Relevance: (f)2, (f)7, (f)5, (h)2, (h)5, (l)1, (l)5

Evidence 6: Ford press release, 19/3/73, indicating use of the site for both car and HGV vehicle training. Reference to the HGV fleet indicates these types of vehicle would be parked there.

Relevance: (l)1, (l)5, (d)2, (d)5

Evidence 7: HGV vehicle suspension testing circa 1972 (dated from the registration plate)

Relevance: (m)1, (m)3, (m)6

Evidence 8: Tyre testing circa 1972 (dated from the registration plate)

Relevance: (m)1, (m)3, (m)6

Evidence 9: AA road safety training, late 60s

Relevance: (l)1, (l)3, (l)6

Evidence 10: York Directory advertisement 1996

Relevance: (f)5, (h)5, (j)4, (l)6

Evidence 11: York Evening Press article 22/2/91 referring to specialised training. Note the tyre bales in the background.

Relevance: (e)2, (e)5, (l)1, (l)3, (l)1,

Evidence 12: 1977 Yellow pages advertisement, listing activities

Relevance: (d)5, (a)5, (l)6

Evidence 13: Rental agreement for Coach Storage 1989

Relevance: (a)5, (a)6

Evidence 14: Rental agreement for vehicle maintenance 1990

Relevance: (n)2, (n)5

Evidence 15: Rental agreement for driver training centre 1990

Relevance: (l)5

Evidence 16: Insurance for karts 1994

Relevance: (f)2, (n)5

Evidence 17: Current insurance – note business description

Relevance: (h)3, (h)7, (h)9, (l)4, (n)3
Evidence 18: Showing the existence of 'Tockwith Travel', 2001
Relevance: (a)4,
Evidence 19: Advisement listing activities, 27/9/91
Relevance: (d)5, (l)6, (f)5, (h)5, (h)7, (h)9
Evidence 20: Wrays and Ashville coaches parked at site, and driving school cars circa 1969 (dated from the registration plates)
Relevance: (a)5
Evidence 21: Internal memo from Hargreaves Training Services indicating their occupation of the site as a training centre, 1/2/89
Relevance: (l)3, (l)6
Evidence 22: Letter from Harrogate Borough Council indicating their awareness of the continuing and historic activities, 23/8/00.
Relevance: (f)3, (f)5, (h)3, (h)5
Evidence 23: Photographs date-stamped 12/7/97 showing the site prepared for a 'corporate' or 'track' day organised by Paul Ripley Promosport. More information at <http://paul-ripley.co.uk/>
Relevance: (j)4, (k)4, (l)6, (h)5, (h)7, (h)9, (i)5, (i)7
Evidence 24: Photograph date-stamped 6/3/01 showing Formula Ford car. Note the tyre bales and training cars in the background.
Relevance: (j)4, (k)4, (l)6, (h)5, (h)7, (h)9, (i)5, (i)7
Evidence 25: Control tower showing residential caravan in situ. Dated to early 80's from the model of car
Relevance: (b)5
Evidence 26: Rating notice from Harrogate Borough Council, 19/4/01, describing the site as 'multi drive activity centre'.
Relevance: (d)5, (f)5, (g)5, (h)5, (i)5, (j)4, (k)4, (l)6
Evidence 27: Promotional brochure listing activities, 1972 (dated from text)
Relevance: (d)5, (h)7, (g)5, (h)5, (i)7, (l)6
Evidence 28: Booking for coach travel from Tockwith Primary School, 1/2/02(?)
Relevance: (a)3
Evidence 29: Correspondence re. Hargreaves Training Services lease of the site 1989
Relevance: (l)6
Evidence 30: Lease to Driver Training Centre 1988
Relevance: (l)6
Evidence 31: Extract from Noise Survey, listing activities at the site, 24/11/98
Relevance: (f)5, (g)5, (h)5, (i)5, (a)5, (d)5, (l)6.

Yours faithfully,

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Attachment: Evidence Bundle 1.pdf