

CHELWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
RESPONSE TO THE PLANNING INSPECTOR

Council Reference: 23/00023/UNDEV/OD1 and OD2

PINS Reference: APP/F0114/C25/3364346, 3364347 and 3364349

1. PINS Reference: APP/F0114/C25/3364346

Chelwood Parish Council wishes to respond to the above appeals relating to breaches of planning control as set out in the Enforcement Notices.

Chelwood Parish Council has previously raised no objection to the Applicant's retrospective application for the Forestry Building. It is the Council's view that this building is being used as a dwelling. This would constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt and is contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework Section 13 at paragraph 154, Policy CP8 and DW1 of the BANES Course Strategy and Policy GB1 and RE4 of the BANES Place Making Plan. In essence this would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt and very special circumstances to outweigh these considerations have not been put forward.

It is noted that a full ecological assessment of the site has not been undertaken and submitted. The Parish Council have taken note of Part 15 of the NPPF and Policies NE1, NE3 and NE5 of the Development Plan.

2. PINS Reference: APP/F0114/C25/3364347

The retention of the building marked "A" on the plan is considered inappropriate development by the Parish Council given that it is situated within the Green Belt.

No very special circumstances appear to exist and the works are therefore contrary to Part 13 of the NPPF paragraph 154 and Policy CP8 of the BANES Course Strategy and Policy GB1 of the BANES Place Making Plan.

Furthermore it is noted that planning permission was granted for a Forestry building in January 2023 but subject to the condition that no timber processing be on the cutting of logs for drying was to be carried out. This was to safeguard the residential immunity of occupiers of nearby properties.

Subject to the inspector's finding on this building the Parish Council would like to see a similar clause if appropriate.

3. PINS Reference: APP/F0114/C25/3364349

Chelwood Parish Council's response to Planning Application 23/04785/FUL and dated 5th March 2024 is attached. The inspector is invited to read the views of local residents in relation to the activities at this site.

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Chelwood Parish Clerk

18th June 2025