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Dear Clare,

**Application 16/00422 Temporary siting of a mobile home during construction of dwelling
Part Parcel Culverley, Lyndhurst Road, Beaulieu, SO42**

1. New Forest Association (NFA) objects to this application.
2. The Commoners Dwelling Scheme is an exception policy designed to enable bona fide commoners to build a home outside the New Forest villages and continue their tradition of commoning in the Forest when their current circumstances make that no longer possible. The essence of the scheme is that the holding is always used for commoning and this is monitored by the Authority.
3. You will be aware that the applicant satisfied the panel as regards commoning history, need and financial capability in 2009 and permission was granted for a commoners dwelling on this site that year, subject to the signing of legal agreements. This finally took place in 2013. Building commenced 2 years and eleven months later when footings, believed to be for the dwelling, were established recently. Building activities were then discontinued and the site vacated.
4. **The CDS does not allow an exception site to be used for any purpose other than commoning. Therefore it is simply not permitted that residence occurs at this site, whether in a permanent or temporary structure, until the barns etc are built and the applicant's commoning activities are transferred to this site.**
5. NFA's objection is the matter of principle and agreement stated in 4. NFA understands the applicant lives in Pilly and is closely related to the occupants of Culverley New Farm a few hundred yards away, NFA consider it unlikely that need can be established.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Baker, NFA Planning Committee