

Application Number 19/01387/FUL – Rayne Hall Farm, Shalford Road, Rayne

Dear Chairman and Members,

Rayne Parish Council thanks you for letting us submit a statement with regard to the above planning application.

The Parish Council have objected to this planning application and continues to do so. It is a pity that the application is retrospective and that the stables are already built and in operation, although it should have no bearing on the committee's decision to grant or not.

We believe that this construction has unjustly intruded on the landscape and countryside of the area. Old Rectory Lane is a rural but reasonably busy road, surrounded by fields, with its building being in sight of houses on Shalford Road and that of The Pines, which is immediately adjacent to the stables.

There is a loss of privacy to the neighbouring property and the proposal is detrimental to the landscape character of the area and that of the Grade 2 listed building, Rayne Hall.

We are concerned about the impact this proposed development would have on the protected trees in the area. As mentioned by a neighbour, some of these trees were being damaged by the horses and is something that cannot be allowed to continue.

The Parish Council also raised concerns about the discharge of waste water, fouling the local water courses from the site.

Government imposed lockdown restrictions have meant far more people are out enjoying our open spaces and countryside than have ever done so before. The parish council has received many photographs of the landscape and wildlife that residents are enjoying, thus we feel it more important than ever to protect our countryside from intrusive development.

We thank the planning committee for listening to this statement and hope the detrimental impact on the landscape and neighbouring properties is sufficient for the application to be refused.

Cllr Mrs Ann Hooks
Chairman
Rayne Parish Council