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A lot has been happening since our last news:

We have heard nothing about the results of the recent **Planning Contravention Notice** on the new building. Rocklands have 3 months left to appeal against the rejection of the retrospective planning application. We have had intimations from planning that Rocklands will be making a new application(s) in the near future. We will continue to monitor. Once we know more we will update Facebook.

The **independent re-measuring** of the new building has been done. We are still awaiting the results of the survey. These results are critical.

An **external planning consultant** has been appointed to review the Rocklands planning issues. We have submitted our evidence to the consultant concerning application and enforcement issues. We are currently reviewing the scope and remit of this review.

Tree Preservation Orders have been placed on the trees within Rocklands. This is welcomed. We have submitted our comments and recommendations on this.

HBC have informed us that Rocklands have not yet submitted a **tree replanting scheme**. HBC have rewritten requesting proposals. We believe that this has been outstanding since May and believe that voluntary action is inadequate and that enforcement action should be taken over tree removals.

We have been invited to submit our **evidence on tree removals** to HBC. Our previous evidence has been ignored since it was submitted back in May. We welcome this opportunity to present the large body of evidence we now have in the hope that HBC will now take enforcement action.

HBC have informed us that **Rocklands** are now employing a **planning consultancy** company to represent them on planning and caravan site licencing issues. Rocklands have appointed engineers to advise them on the appropriate drainage system and will bring forward plans in this respect. The engineers will be asked to comment on the viability and safety of removing the current infrastructure. HBC awaits these further discussions with Rocklands. We believe that relying on Rocklands to redress the problem voluntarily is a risky option. The infrastructure is unauthorized and must be removed. HBC need to use enforcement action to ensure these problems are resolved.

We believe the **infrastructural works** are unauthorized and need to be removed using enforcement action. We will be submitting our evidence on all the other infrastructural works at Rocklands. These include the unauthorized car parks, roads ,

terracing ,solar panels and caravan installations. To date HBC have taken no enforcement action on any of these issues. We have had intimation that Rocklands will be applying for retrospective permission on one or more of these issues.

HBC inform us “that the “**steps footpath**” (Saxon Way) will remain open but be signposted as an uneven surface. Instability of the land makes reinstatement of the steps unviable and only limited work will be done. HBC will continue to monitor the site to see if further slippage makes other action appropriate.”

We believe that the current instability of the landslip makes this footpath dangerous.

HBC will investigate what options might be possible in terms of **stopping or reducing further landslip**. Natural England will be consulted on the impact of any works undertaken.

HBC are not going to carry out any of the recommendations in the **Coffey landslip report**. We believe that this is essential in order to understand the causes of the landslip. We remain concerned that HBC continue to see the landslip as an entirely natural phenomenon and do not recognise that infrastructural works at Rocklands have contributed to the landslip. We believe that unless the causes of the landslip are removed then the landslip will continue to grow. We believe that potential causes include changes to drainage and the building of roads and car parks in the caravan site.

An **independent environmental health officer** has been appointed by HBC to inspect the site. We welcome this as the site has not been inspected for 20 years but are seeking clarification on the scope and remit of this inspection.