

Good afternoon Jill,

Please find below an email from Cllr Pat Sandle- Chair of Warden Parish Council.

Kind Regards

Kayleigh Hart  
Warden Parish Council Clerk.

Dear Jill,

Due to the current emergency, I am sending this from home on behalf of Warden Parish Council. Your points:

We have 52 sites on the island, who were consulted with and agreed on the terms of the change of policy to allowing them to open 10 months. Planning permission was granted on these conditions/rules being adhered to, therefore why 200 individual enforcement notices, why are these sites who break these conditions/rules not served the notices?

2.2 This was carefully considered because mainly the sites are in concentrated areas of East Sheppey (5000) units which has few facilities, poor bus service, one doctor service, one primary school, one pharmacy, no secondary school, and one ONE ROAD

2.4 There has been no enforcement for years on the current regulations to stop unfettered use, what will change if this is granted?

2.6 There is no evidence to suggest that more than a very few sites could have access to the millions of pounds to provide the units you are suggesting, prices for Park Homes start at £200,000. Probably 1 or 2 smaller sites might qualify now.

The proposals will not help the tourism or economy, the majority of holiday unit users come here to escape the hustle and bustle of town life, and could not afford to upgrade their units. and this part of the economy will be lost.

3.2.3 If you prematurely allow the sites 12 months to meet your planning specifications and they don't comply, what will you do to rescind the decision, as the councils record of enforcement has been non-existent over the last years, which is why you have ongoing situation now.

Finally, the sheer volume of the units on the island and the implications for the settled community far out the way the small benefit that can be gained from this substantial increase to the population, which already an area of deprivation. We would urge the council not to pass this proposal and continue with the existing policy until you have complete control of the current problems. Please don't make a "drop in the ocean" problem escalate into a flood.

Regards  
Pat Sandle  
Chair Person Warden Parish Council