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Mr J Mitchell
By email

Our Ref: 19/00997/ENPD

Date: 12th April 2019

Dear Mr J Mitchell,

Location: Land Opposite St Thomas Church, Church Road, Woolton Hill, Hampshire
Proposal: Hogging or bark to permissive footpath

Thank you for your enquiry dated 25th February 2019.

You have enquired whether the laying of hogging or bark to an established footpath within 'The Parish Field' requires planning permission.

Some types of development by local authorities falls within permitted development, where an application for planning permission is not required.

Class A of Part 12 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (GPDO) refers to development by local authorities.

The erection or construction and the maintenance, improvement or other alteration by a local authority (which for the purposes of Part 12 of the GPDO includes Parish Councils) of any small ancillary building, works or equipment on land belonging to or maintained by them required for the purposes of any function exercised by them on that land can be permitted development. For the purposes of Class A of Part 12 of the GPDO, any small ancillary building, works or equipment cannot exceed 4m in height or 200 cubic meters in capacity.

From the details submitted, I am of the opinion that the laying of bark or hogging on the footpath, to make it more durable, would fall within the provisions of the GPDO and would therefore not require planning permission.

The advice contained in this letter is the opinion of a planning officer and does not constitute a formal determination under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Certificate of Lawful Use and Development). If you wish to have a formal determination, you should contact the Planning and Development Manager for further advice.

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jemma Cox on 01256 845304 or email jemma.cox@basingstoke.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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