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Subject: Botley Parish Council - LDC/23/95111 Certificate of Lawfulness - Broadway Far, Broak Oak, Botley
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Members of the Planning & Highways Committee have considered this application and agreed the following comments:

LDC/23/95111 - Certificate of Lawfulness - Broadway Far, Broak Oak, Botley

Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use or operation: Building operation by the laying of sub-base hardcore (type one crushed concrete) with concrete based cellular 'grasscrete', together with the parking of motorised vehicles to include heavy vehicles and trailers in accordance with an Operator's Licence

Objection on the following grounds:

We have reviewed previous applications submitted from the same site at several times since 2017.

The committee would like it noted that we realise previous applications are not in relation to the area that is currently being considered, however members feel there is sufficient evidence contained within these previous applications to propose the 'grasscrete' has not been in place for several years as suggested.

In previous applications, detailed reports along with various photographs of the site, suggest there is no evidence of any 'grasscrete' having been laid in the area in question.

In the 2017 application F/17/81201 (which relates to a different area on site), a ground investigation report draws reference to various bore holes having been dug and there is a full report identifying the types of soil in the area.

In the current application, whilst a site map compiled by Boyle & Summers has been provided suggesting bore holes have been dug, the corresponding pictures of these bore holes could have been taken at any location around the site or otherwise. There is no evidence to place these holes into the context of the site.

Referring to the previous application F/17/81201, a detailed report was submitted giving the findings of the different depth measurements and findings, yet this is missing from the current request for a certificate of lawfulness.

Perhaps the full report showing the bore holes in context to the site and full findings of these bore holes, depth measurements, soil analysis and their supposed previous findings could be shared?

In the absence of detailed findings, committee members do not accept that existing 'grasscrete' was installed and therefore decline to accept this is a true reflection of what has happened on the site during the past four/ten years.

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