



Demolition Works planned for Hellyers Farm - 16th November 2020.

Welborne Land Limited acquired the Farm in a poor state of repair in November 2018. The site was made safe with installation of fencing between the public footpath and farm buildings. The land behind the buildings has since been brought into farming practices as part of the wider Dean Farm land management.

Despite making Hellyers Farm secure and appointing a security firm to make site visits twice a day, there have been repeated break-ins, acts of vandalism and arson of both the derelict farmhouse and barns. In June, a decision was made by Welborne Land Ltd to start plans to demolish the buildings at Hellyers Farm to limit the potential for further malicious damage.

Preparation Works

A number of surveys have been completed and helped to inform the extent of works possible.

PLANNING : Details on the proposed demolition works were submitted to Fareham Borough Council on 16th September 2020 as formal notification (Ref P/20/1047/PA). The Council

confirmed on 4th November that planning approval was not required and works can proceed.

ECOLOGY : Despite the derelict nature of the site, it can still be a habitat for some species. In response to this, each building has been surveyed to check the presence of bats and potential for roosts. A team of ecologists have surveyed each of the buildings internally in addition to completing dawn and dusk observations over repeated visits checking for any signs of bat activity in and out of the farmhouse and barns. The surveys concluded the absence of bat activity and no potential roost within the buildings.

There are a number rubbish piles that have become overgrown with brambles and scrub vegetation. In the coming months these could be potential habitat for reptiles. The piles will not be disturbed during the proposed works to protect these species and their potential habitat. Boundary hedges and trees will also remain.

ASBESTOS : Each building has been surveyed for asbestos and concluded no asbestos is present.

UTILITIES : The overhead electricity lines have been removed by SSE and water supply terminated by Portsmouth Water. These work were isolated to Hellyers farm and have had no impact on nearby houses.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: the local Environmental Health Officer at the Council has been informed of the planned works.

Demolition Works

The demolition contractors will be setting up on site during the week of 9th November installing additional fencing and making site preparations. Demolition and clearance works are scheduled to start on the 16th November 2020 with an anticipated completion date of 27th November 2020. Ecology and Health & Safety "tool box" talks will be given to contractors prior to demolition.

Use of the Public Footpath No.89

The existing public right of way that runs east-west through Hellyers Farm between Funtley and A32, will remain open. All the works will be undertaken behind the fencing and contractors will endeavour to minimise potential disruption as much as possible.