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Dear Mr Kelly

**Re: Unauthorised Development at Chear Fen Boat Club**

I am writing to you to express the deep concern of Cottenham Parish Council and that expressed by several residents, at the unauthorised development and occupation of the site at Chear Fen Boat Club, Twentypence Road, Cottenham.

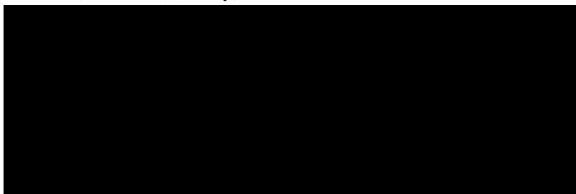
This is in advance of the South Cambridgeshire Planning Committee considering the associated planning application 22/01703/FUL.

As we understand it, several mobile and static caravans have been positioned on the site, hardcore has been laid, electrical and water services have been provided and the pre-existing bunds have been partially excavated and repositioned such that they encroach on neighbouring properties.

In our opinion the site is unsuitable for long-term occupation due to its remoteness from Cottenham and surrounding villages, lack of established services and flood-risk. Access to the site is also an issue as it exits onto what is essentially a blind corner on a stretch of road with a history of accidents. Though these aspects will all be considered as part of the planning process, our primary concern is that the use of the site will have become normalised before planning is considered making any future conditions or restrictions more difficult to enforce.

We would request that SCDC serves a stop notice, or similar enforcement action on the occupier(s) to ensure that no further development takes place ahead of a planning decision.

Yours sincerely,



Chair, Cottenham Parish Council

cc:  
SCDC Cllr. John Loveluck  
SCDC Cllr. Anika Osborne  
CPC Cllr. Nigel Bolitho