

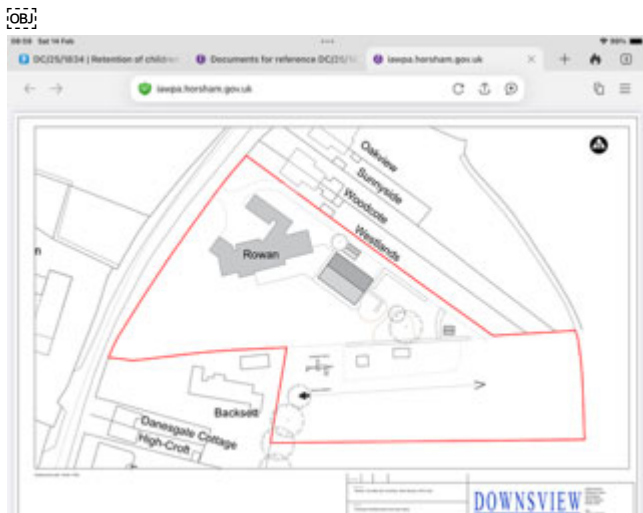
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We object to planning application DC/25/1834 due to inaccuracies cited to previous use of the agricultural field and contact with previous owners and lack of privacy to Backsett Cottage.

Rowan has submitted an application for retrospective installation of a zip wire and climbing frame and extension of residential curtilage (DC/25/1834). Their Planning Statement Ref:P-045a in Section 2.4 says “Contrary to previous applications and statements, the application has confirmed via the previous owner of the site that the large open area to the rear of the main dwelling was always used as part of their residential garden, and that fencing previously in situ was only erected by the previous owners to provide some containment for their dogs.”

The application has a proposed block plan 2024.440a.02 showing a significant extension of their residential curtilage.

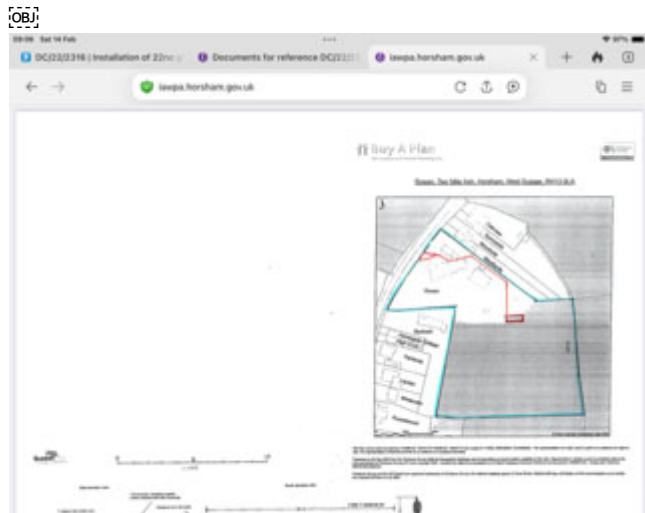


We contacted the previous owners of Rowan in November to verify the above statement and received their reply, a portion of which is below, on November 20, 2025.

“The only exchange we have had on the house with your neighbours since we moved was about water bills! - which I guess was something to do with the swimming pool. We haven’t been asked anything in terms of this issue. However we did have to respond to solicitors’ questions when we sold the house to them. The relatively small area between our greenhouse and Backsett was always part of the garden- it is misleading to describe this as the ‘large open area’ as this could imply the whole field! This is however the area including the climbing frame and the raised platform but not the rope wire. The background is that the owners and developers of Rowan prior to us bought Backsett then incorporated part of the Backsett garden into the Rowan property before they re-sold Backsett. There is lots of evidence to show this, including old land registry documents and publicly available aerial photos showing that this has been part of a garden for at least 100 years. Strangely the new owners have not put this in their application as it would mean they don’t need planning permission at all - except for the rope wire of course!”

This corresponds to the site plan from the Land Registry provided in application DC/22/2316 Location Plan and

Elevations for Installation of 22 Solar Panels provided below.



We took care of the previous owner's chickens when they were on holiday for years. The chickens were kept in the area by the greenhouse and small orchard. The field was not used as part of their residential curtilage.

Yours truly

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