

*Over the last few months there have been a number of complaints made about the camping at Vann Farm. The Parish Council asked MV District Councillor, Helyn Clack and Mole Valley District Council to investigate and a reply was as follows “ Environmental Officers visited the farm to assess the situation and found that the pitches were well laid out and there were what would be considered to be suitable water and toilet provision. The blocks were clean and well maintained. The site has 50 pitches laid out and there is a significant buffer between the nearest pitches and a nearby garden. The person running the site confirmed they expect quiet after 10 pm and have rules of no group bookings. It has been acknowledged that under the revised .gov.uk guidance they are allowed to run a campsite for up to 60 days. The site is used for camping in tents on fewer than 42 days in a row, or fewer than 60 days in any 12 month period. There is no intention to apply for planning permission though they obviously hope this can continue in future years. As regards bonfires they do allow fires but only in fire pits/braziers that they rent out and they also provide dried logs and ban collection of woods from the woodland. There is a negligible risk of nuisance and we would consider the landowner is exercising the rights as advised by .gov.uk (this can be seen in the booking periods on Pitch up)”.*