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**Subject**

Concerns regarding temporary structure at Mann's Farm / Soul Barns and lack of planning application

**Message**

I am writing following the Parish Council meeting last year where the public were advised that the outdoor fitness TRX Rig / structure at Mann's Farm (Soul Barns) was considered temporary in nature.

It has become increasingly clear that the structure is not temporary. The rig remains permanently in place and will be used for commercial classes. Most recently, Soul Barns are now advertising not long until / coming soon outside TRX classes, which indicates ongoing and continued use rather than short-term or occasional activity.

In addition, in August 2025 I received written confirmation from West Berkshire Council Planning Enforcement stating that a planning application for change of use would be submitted that month. To date, no such planning application has appeared on the planning portal.

Given:

- the permanent nature of the structure
- the continued commercial use
- and the absence of any submitted planning application

I am concerned that the Parish Council may have been given inaccurate information when the matter was previously discussed.

I would be grateful if this issue could be revisited, and clarification sought from West Berkshire Council regarding the current planning status and whether the development and use are authorised.

Thank you for your time and support.