

**Use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, together with the formation of hardstanding and associated landscaping. Construction of associated utility buildings.**

**Staalcot Farm Stall House Lane North Heath West Sussex RH20 2HR**

**Personal Circumstances**

The application for 2 x Gypsy plots and associated development is intended for the Keet family.

The Keet family is a Romani gypsy family originating from hillside lane gypsy site in Small Dole. Hillside lane gypsy site is severely overcrowded as the LPA are aware and there is also an extensive waiting list therefore it is considered that there are no potential opportunities to house the family on the site in the foreseeable future.

With the need for so many plots in Horsham district within the plan period it is considered that it is highly unlikely that this family will be housed elsewhere.

We feel that the personal circumstances of the applicants as well as the educational need of the children should carry significant weight in the planning balance, and we would ask that these are considered in the assessment of the appeal.

Below is some further information of the intended occupants of the proposed site.

**Plot 1**

Is intended for Benjamin & Nancy Jane Keet along with their 4 young children.

Nancy Jane Keet Is a 37 year old mother of 4 young children, 3 of which are school-aged and will be enrolled in the local school.

Nancy Jane suffers from a number of medical conditions meaning that living as a family unit is vital when it comes to day-to-day living and help to care for her children

Nancy Jane suffers from psoriatic arthritis and pelvic erosions which has led to her being in severe pain and has caused back problems which can lead to her having to spend days in bed and other days with severe restricted mobility

Nancy Jane regularly needs help with a day to day living such as cooking, washing, bathing, getting dressed etc.

All intended occupants of plot 1 are as follows:

- Benjamin Keet aged 31
- Nancy Jane Keet aged 37
- Mary Jane aged 9
- Nancy Jane jnr aged 7
- Roseanna aged 6
- Suzanna aged 2

**Plot 2**

Is intended for Nancy Jane's mother, Jeanette Carey aged 61. Jeanette is a 61-year-old single woman who suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia diabetes and high blood pressure which has led to restricted mobility, and also needs help with some day-to-day needs.

This close-knit family relies strongly on each other to get through the day to day living and overcome their complex medical needs.