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Shazia Penne, Case Officer
Planning Department
Horsham District Council

Planning ref: Planning Application No. DC/26/0010

Dear Shazia,

Location of application:

Land North of Girder Bridge, Gay Street Lane, North Heath RH20 2HW

Details of application:

Use of land for the stationing of 6 static caravans for residential purposes and associated landscape works.

I am submitting this objection to planning application Dc/26/0010 for and on behalf of the Ramblers in my role as West Sussex Area Countryside Officer. The objection relates specifically to the impact on a Public Right of Way that is carried by the proposed access route to the application site.

The Ramblers works to help everyone enjoy the pleasures and benefits of walking, and to enhance and protect the places where people love to walk. We are committed to encouraging and supporting walking, protecting and expanding public rights of way and access land, and protecting the beauty of the countryside and other areas.

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Specifics of the Objection

A Public Right of Way (PRoW) in the form of footpath PUL-1998 is carried along the proposed access track to the site.

The proposal provides for the track to be improved to provide vehicular site access.

This site was included within the draft Gypsy and Traveller Site Assessment that formed part of the draft Horsham District Local Plan (July 2021, issued as part of the Regulation 19 consultation). Within the table for site A07 (Girder Bridge) it is noted under the heading "Safe access to highway network" that the "access track is not in the landowner's ownership but a claimed right of way exists".

None of the planning documents submitted by the applicant acknowledge the potential conflict between lawful footpath users and vehicles travelling to and from the application site, nor is it clear what rights exist to support use of the track to provide access to the application site.

For this reason, we object to application in its current form as the applicant has failed to take into account the potential conflicts between footpath users and vehicles accessing the proposed site.

We'd urge the planning authority to request the applicant to ensure this potential conflict is addressed and reflected prior to the approval of this planning application.

Yours sincerely,



West Sussex Area Countryside Officer, Ramblers

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