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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0010
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 09/02/2026 6:56 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land North of Girder Bridge, Gay Street Lane, North Heath RH20 2HW
Proposal:	Use of land for the stationing of 6 static caravans for residential purposes (to be occupied by Gypsies and Travellers) and associated landscape works.
Case Officer:	Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Address:	New Place Farm Pulborough
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other - Overdevelopment
Comments:	I wish to object strongly to the proposed development at Land North of Girder Bridge, Gay Street Lane, North Heath, RH20 2HW with 6 static caravans. Site reference DC/26/0010. This is for the following reasons: Points of Concern for Local Residents.

1. The entrance/exit to the site is on a blind bend and the speed of the traffic heading to the A29 is a significant risk.
 2. The track leading to the site is narrow, a public footpath and traffic using this track will exceed 4.500 vehicle movements per year. This is based on data provided by the Office of National Statistics which identifies that on average there are 2.2 traffic movements per day per dwelling(households).
 3. The site regularly floods. The footpath is deeply rutted and often waterlogged in places rendering it difficult /impossible for access by emergency vehicles
 4. The access track fails HDC's requirement due to insufficient space to enable the easy manoeuvrability of caravans and vehicles transporting them up to 20 metres in length
 5. There are two conflicting ecological assessments - one dated December 2025 and one dated March 2025. The December 2025 survey (most recent) was conducted at the wrong time of the year. Assessment for Great Crested Newts should be undertaken between mid-March and July and not between July and October.
 6. There are numerous ponds within 500m of the site that have not been assessed for Great Crested Newts.
 7. Approval of this site would mean there are 3 traveller sites within a radius of 170m. If approved this would increase the number of dwellings in the locality by 21%. The proximity of this site to neighbouring properties would result in dominating the local community.
 8. This application is contrary to the emerging local plan which notes the site allocation is 5 pitches not 6 as noted in the application. Strategic planning would have assessed the number of pitches the site could accommodate.
 9. The site, with in excess of 4,800 vehicle movements per year, would be a nuisance to the property (bungalow) next to the site.
 10. The site is next to the railway line where train horns, in excess of 80 decibels, are sounded 72 times per day. These sound from 6am in the morning until 11 pm at night. The sound of the horns is far greater than the World Health Organisation advice on an acceptable level. It is also a breach of the human rights for those who would live on the site, as they are entitled to peaceful enjoyment of their property.
 11. The proximity to the railway line makes the site unsuitable for children and there are no footpaths to the main road for children to walk on to catch the school bus.
 12. It cannot be assumed that the Girder Bridge neighbour, will allow access to services, water, electricity or gas by extension from his land next door. No services are currently located on the proposed site.
 13. The entrance to the site is used by network rail to park maintenance vehicle for easy access to the railway
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Kind regards

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