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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/2079

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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 05/02/2026 11:29 AM.

Application Summary

Address: Cotlands Paddock Horsham Road Cowfold West Sussex RH13 8AH

Proposal: Use of land for the stationing of 4no. static caravans for (Gypsy and Traveller) residential purposes and associated day rooms.

Case Officer: Shazia Penne

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Customer Details

Address: 37 Barleycroft Cowfold

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Dear Sirs
I wish to express my concerns over this application and reasons for refusal.

1) A major issue is the access from the A281 Horsham road.

This is a very busy road, with queuing traffic often building up and extending from the centre of Cowfold (at the mini-roundabout) to this access area as well as vehicles slowing in order to turn into the Homelands nursing home. The road at this point is an S-bend with a drop down on the northern side. There is consequently very limited visibility not only due to the bends and slope but also from the surrounding vegetation and wooded areas (third party owned). It is frequently necessary to brake hard when coming into these bends and suddenly finding stationery or slow moving traffic.

Additionally, if someone exiting this proposed site relies upon the sound of the approaching traffic this is no longer a reliable method due to the increasing numbers of silent electric

vehicles.

This section of the road has already been subject to multiple accidents, many quite serious as well as a number of fatalities.

Allowing this development at this unsafe road area would undoubtedly increase these numbers.

Not only could there be vehicles of those residing at this new site but they normally have mobile caravans and larger transport vehicles which would be an increased danger to traffic on the A-road, where the speed limit is 60mph, when entering and leaving the site; let alone the increased danger to those persons attempting to enter or leave the site.

2) This will result in increased impact on the environment

Firstly, this development will have a direct impact on the character and appearance of the landscape, especially when viewed from the road and the adjoining footpath and will directly affect the 3 heritage neighbouring properties. This impacts the visual heritage nature of the area. (Brook Place Grade II* is not mentioned in application).

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] this development is unlikely to improve or maintain the environmental quality of the local watercourse and ground water. Due to this I believe a soil test should be carried out at the site [REDACTED]

Thirdly, this would impact on the local ecology. This area should be re-assessed by a qualified ecologist for the council. There are sections in the report which have been redacted and it also appears to be out of date as data is only valid till 19/5/25.

We know there are Great Crested Newts at the site and in the surrounding area. There are about 13 ponds in the area which the newts could be using and migrating between. Additionally, there has been no impact assessment done for GCN, Bats, [REDACTED] Dormice etc. There are also Buzzards and Red Kites in the area. Most of these are Protected Species including European Protected Species, despite the fact they state on planning application that none exist.

Fourthly, this site would increase the light pollution in the area and thence unduly affect the local ecology and wildlife as well as impacting upon the desire and movement for Dark Skies.

Whilst I accept the need for travellers to have suitable sites for temporary residence these do need to be carefully sited so as to have only beneficial impact on the environment. I do not believe this site provides this due to the elements identified above and would request that this planning application be rejected on that basis.

Kind regards

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