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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 03/02/2026 8:31 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:	Stallhouse Barn Stall House Lane North Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Design- Highway Access and Parking- Overdevelopment- Privacy Light and Noise- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	<p>Access: The proposed planning application for the site at Girder Bridge raises serious concerns regarding access. The entrance and exit to the site are situated on a blind bend, which poses a significant</p>

danger as vehicles often take the corner too quickly and in the middle of the road since the bridge is narrow. Increasing traffic volume would severely compromise road safety. This site would add 4,800 vehicle movements annually, based on data from the Office of National Statistics assumption of 2.2 traffic movements per day per dwelling, which would create considerable disruption and safety concerns for residents of Gay Street Lane.

Furthermore, the access track is inadequate for the maneuverability of larger vehicles, such as caravans, which could be problematic for both residents, neighbours and service providers. Network Rail rely on being able to park in the site entrance to safely carry out maintenance on the track.

Ecology:

There are substantial ecological concerns associated with this planning request, particularly regarding the conflicting assessments of Great Crested Newts. The most recent survey, conducted in December 2025, was performed at an inappropriate time of year, as the correct assessment period should be between mid-March and July. Additionally, there are numerous ponds within a 500-meter radius of the site that have not been evaluated for their potential to host Great Crested Newts. This oversight raises questions about the thoroughness of the ecological review and the potential impact on local wildlife.

Local Planning:

The approval of this application would result in three traveller sites being located within a mere 170 meters of each other, leading to a 20%+ significant increase in the number of dwellings in the area. This concentration of sites would significantly alter the character of the local community and could dominate the surrounding properties. Moreover, the application contradicts the emerging local plan, which specifies that the site should accommodate only five pitches, not the six proposed. It is crucial that strategic planning considers the impact over overdeveloping such a rural community.

Suitability of the Site for Dwelling:

There are significant concerns regarding the suitability of the Girder Bridge site as a dwelling. The area is prone to regular flooding, and the footpath leading to the site is often waterlogged and deeply rutted, making access difficult, especially in emergencies. Additionally, the site is located directly next to a railway line, where train horns exceed 80 decibels and are sounded 72 times daily, creating an unacceptable noise level that would penetrate the walls of a caravan easily. This proximity to the railway also raises safety concerns for children. Furthermore, it is uncertain whether the neighbouring landowner will permit access to essential services such as water, electricity, or gas, as there are currently no utilities available on the proposed site.

For all these reasons I strongly object to the planning application

Kind regards

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