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To: Planning
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 04/02/2026 10:29 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: North Heath Farm Gay Street Lane North Heath Pulborough West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Highway Access and Parking
- Overdevelopment
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments: My Husband and I strongly object to a proposed Traveller Site at Girder Bridge, Gay Street Lane, North Heath, Pulborough RH20 2HW Site Ref DC/26/0010. This is a totally unsuitable site for human habitation. Since the Enclosures Act it has only been used as pasture for the Estate who owned the majority of land in the area, subsequently purchased [REDACTED] in 1946 and [REDACTED] in 2007. Both used the land occasionally for grazing sheep and ponies. The track leading to the land has only agricultural use and Right of Way for North Heath Cottage, North Heath Farm and [REDACTED] Girder Bridge, therefore, any intensification would require change of use. this would be excessive,unjustified and unlawful as in Jelbert v Davis case 1968.
The land has no suitable water supply for human activity, together with a total lack of electricity and it is low lying, prone to flooding, therefore there is no means of satisfactory domestic drainage. The risk of pollution to the surrounding area would be enormous.
It is adjacent to a Network Rail Whistleboard, train horns sounding every 10 minutes and over

80 decibels affecting their human rights.

The access to the track, on a blind bend underneath a railway bridge has been reported by a Highways Survey to be unsuitable and dangerous due to poor visibility, to introduce vehicles coming out from the track would result in the potential of head on collisions and that's not even taking into account any pedestrians walking along an unlit and unpaved narrow lane or indeed up and down the track which is a Public Footpath, this would also result in extra traffic on Gay Street Lane, the A29 Junction. A junction that becomes more and more congested with extra traffic from new housebuilding in Billingshurst and Pulborough.

Change of use would be excessive and unjustified, the area which is partly wooded enjoys a healthy abundance of flora and fauna, tawny owls, bats, goldcrests and the especially endangered Nightingales, plus many other species enjoy the site. The loss of habitat would once again put nature under unprecedented pressure.

Additional 'residents' would be an increasing burden on the already overstretched essential services i.e. schools and particularly Health Care facilities and public transportation.

The proposed development would impede Network Rails parking and access to the railway and maintenance of the embankment and bridge over, there are frequently several maintenance vehicles required at these inspection times, surely this has to be a Health and Safety risk to the workforce and general public.

Currently we have a harmonious community, development of this site has potential for social tension, this and the ongoing Stalhouse Lane application, the other side of the railway line are causing stress and anxiety to all North Heath residents. It should be a priority of Horsham District Council to support the views and comments of all present North Heath Council Tax payers.

Kind regards

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